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Non-Aggression Pact Signed By Bulgaria and Turkey

Turk Obligations to Britain Said Covered by Protecting Clause

London, Feb. 18.

A FOUR-POINT non-aggression pact was signed at the Turkish Foreign Office yesterday afternoon between Turkey and Bulgaria, according to the Rome Radio.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, singed on behalf of Turkey, and the Bulgarian Minister in Ankara signed for Bulgaria.

The agreement, according to a joint statement issued by the two Governments, followed a new exchange of views in the light of events, and the points agreed upon were :

1. Turkey and Bulgaria consider it an unchanging basis of their foreign policy to abstain from any aggression.
2. The two Governments are inspired by the most friendly intentions towards each other and are determined to maintain and develop their confidence still further in good neighbourly relations.
3. The two Governments declare themselves ready to seek appropriate means to develop trade relations between the two countries to the greatest extent compatible with thir economic structure.
4. The two Governments express the hope that the press of their two countries will be inspired in its writings by mutual friendship and confidence which today have been newly affirmed in this declaration.—Reuter.

Diplomats Opinion

London, Feb. 18.

Diplomatic sources here yesterday said the Bulgarian-Turkish non-aggression declaration did not mean Turkey would remain neutral if Germans moved across Bulgaria to attack Greece, the British Press Association reported.

"In view of the German infiltration of Bulgaria it is hard to see how the political situation can seriously be affected by the agreement," the Press Association story said. "It can safely be assumed that Turkey safeguarded its freedom of action under her existing treaty obligations."—United Press.

Authoritative Attitude

London, Feb. 18.

The following comment on the Turkish-Bulgarian agreement was made in authoritative quarters in London today:

"To put the Bulgarian-Turkish declaration in its right perspective one should recall the fact that the Turks originally instituted negotiations in hopes of Balkan unity. These negotiations met with full British approval as Great Britain has always emphasized that unity among the Balkan states is the best insurance against threats of Nazi aggression and the fate which has overtaken Rumania.

The negotiations were overtaken by events such as the infiltrations of Germans into Bulgaria and those infiltrations obviously detract considerably from the value the pact is designed to have. Under the existing circumstances one cannot but doubt Bulgaria's ability to maintain independent neutrality and have freedom of choice.

The declaration can have little practical aim unless Bulgaria can pursue that course. Turkey was completely loyal to Britain throughout and has kept the Government informed throughout of the progress of the negotiations. She has in a protocol safeguarded completely existing treaties and obligations and most certainly has not shown herself ready to acquiesce in any aggressive actions by the Germans.

Several aspects of the declaration are expected to be cleared up shortly by a statement by one of the Turkish Ministers.

"Does Not Change Situation"

Timing of the Turkish-Bulgarian agreement supplies the Nazis with an opportunity for propaganda of which they are already making full use.

[United Press.

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Rumania Situation Declared "Grave"

Travellers Report Nazis Terrorizing Countryside, Plundering Supplies

Istanbul, Feb. 18.

The situation in Rumania was grave, stated travellers arriving here today. The population lacked essentials, which were plundered wholesale by German troops said to be terrorizing the people.

Rumanians were convinced that the Germans planned to invade Bulgaria and it was stated that 50 pontoon barges had been assembled in Dobrudja for this purpose. The Rumanians did not hide their fear of the consequences which would follow extension of the war to the Balkans.

Sir Reginald Hoare, British Minister to Bucharest, who arrived here from Constantza, has not yet decided whether he will go to Ankara to see Turkish leaders before proceeding to Egypt.—Reuter.

Minister Arrested

Rome, Feb. 18.

M. Grecianu, formerly Minister in Berlin, has been arrested for complicity in the January disturbances in Rumania, according to an official announcement in Bucharest, says a despatch to the Italian news agency.—Reuter.

Greeks Advance on Central Front

250 Prisoners Taken, War Supplies Captured

Athens, Feb. 18.

Further Greek successes are reported from the Albanian front. Local offensive operations have ousted the enemy from several points, a Greek communique announces. Greek advanced units took 250 prisoners and a quantity of military materials. One enemy plane was reported to have been shot down.

In the sector between Moskopolis and Tepelini Italian troops were said to have been routed, leaving behind military equipment and stores.

A drive into the central part of the Italian front between Klisura and Tepelini was also reported in the communique.—Reuter.

Darlan Trip to Paris Unconfirmed in Vichy

Official Quarters Silent, But Visit Said "Normal"

Vichy, Feb. 17.

No confirmation was received here this evening of the report that Admiral Francois Darlan, the Vice-Premier, had left today for Paris.

It was known that he lunched at the Pavillon Sevigne with Marshal Philippe Petain, the Chief of State, and several other members of the Cabinet. This evening, he was still in Vichy, and official quarters refused tonight to make any statement on the report of his alleged departure.

It is stressed here, however, that it would be but normal for the Vice-Premier to leave for Paris shortly.

Official quarters here denied the rumour that the Minister of Labour and Industrial Production, M. Rene Belin, had resigned, and pointed out that he was still working in his office this afternoon. No changes have taken place in his Ministry, although the reorganization of its economic departments and the creation of a Secretariat-General of Trade were being studied.—Havas Telemondial.

20-Ton Bomber on Way to Britain

New York, Feb. 17.

A twenty-ton bomber arrived at LaGuardia airport here today on its way to Great Britain.

The machine will make the flight across the Atlantic within the next few days.

It is the first of 26 similar type bombers which are being built for Great Britain.—Havas Telemondial.

Egypt, Kenya, Sudan Freed Of Italians

Last of Enemy Driven Out With Fall of Kurmuk

Cairo, Feb. 18.

With the exception of prisoners no Italians remain in Egypt, Kenya or the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the General Headquarters military communique said today.

Capture of Kurmuk, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, on February 14, drove the last armed Italian forces from those territories, the communique declared.

The communique reported there was no change in the Libyan and Eritrean situations."

"In Italian Somaliland," the communique said, "enemy forces now are being driven back to a line on the Gunba river."

Guns and war material captured at Kismayu were being checked over. "East of Lake Rudolf our troops continue to penetrate."—United Press.

Sicily Raided

Cairo, Feb. 18.

Lairs of dive bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the week-end, states a communique issued by the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters. Attacks took place on the night of February 15. Fields, hangars and administrative buildings were bombed resulting in fires and explosions. Some aircraft on the ground were burned.

Bombs fell on aircraft causing explosions at Cosimo. The aerodrome at Gela also was attacked successfully. On the return journey from this raid the planes machine-gunned objectives at Cape Epassero.

Hangars, buildings and workshops at Maiadaga in Eritrea were heavily damaged and a photograph taken showing the effect of several direct hits. Around Keren aircraft supported British troops. Near Gurz enemy aircraft were intercepted and shot down and others damaged near Keren.

Australians In Action

In Abyssinia the raiders dispersed enemy aircraft and stores were set on fire at Chinelli. Australian aircraft intercepted German bombers near Benghazi and one German plane was shot down.

Raids on Malta on Saturday and Sunday caused no damage to property, the statement adds.

A Fleet Air-Arm plane on reconnaissance off the coast of Tunis attacked and sank a merchant vessel of about 7,000 tons, according to the communique. Only one British bomber and one fighter failed to return from these operations.—Reuter.

Senussis Aid British

Cairo, Feb. 18.

One million Senussi in Tripolitania, Egypt, the Sudan, Hedjaz, Palestine, Syria and the Sahara are taking up the fight on Great Britain's side, declared their leader, El Siyed Dris El Senussi, in an interview with the "Journal de la Bourse Egyptienne," reported by the Free French Agency.

The Senussi, have been waging war for liberty against the Italians for 20 years, added "El Siyed Dris," contrasting Italian persecution of Mussulmans with the peace enjoyed by Mussulmans in the British Empire. "Britain's war against dictatorship is in the interests of Islam as much as it is in those of Christianity."—Reuter.

Two Enemy Ships Sunk

London, Feb. 18.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm have sunk a German merchant ship and an Italian supply ship in the central Mediterranean, and damaged an Italian supply ship and an Italian auxiliary warship in the same area.

A communique issued by the admiralty states "A German merchant vessel of about 4,000 tons, used by the Italians as a supply ship, has been sunk by naval aircraft in the central Mediterranean. An Italian supply ship of about 9,000 tons was also successfully attacked by naval aircraft.

"The vessel was last seen settling down by the stern with large clouds of smoke rising from her. The crew were seen abandoning the ship.

All aircraft returned from these attacks.

Figures issued by the Admiralty show that in just over four weeks German and Italian shipping losses have amounted to the huge total of 257,000 tons.

The Germans have lost 73,000 tons and the Italians 170,000 tons, which, together with enemy-controlled neutral shipping brings the total up to 257,000 tons. Since the war began, Germany and Italy have lost over 3,000,000 tons of shipping.—Reuter.

Axis Chiefs Plot Sea War on Britain

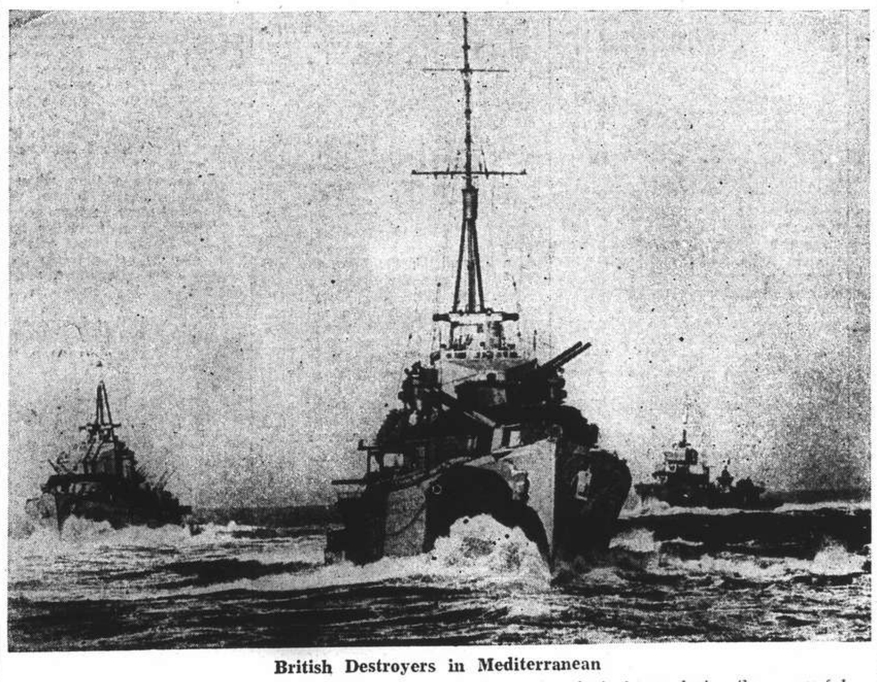
Berlin, Feb. 18.

Germany and Italy have reached a new agreement for waging a "common sea war against Great Britain," D. N. B., German official news agency, said today.

The agreement was concluded at a conference on February 13 and 14 at Merano between German and Italian naval chiefs, and a "complete accord was reached on all subjects discussed," said D. N. B.

Admiral Arturo Riccardi, Chief of the Italian Naval General Staff and Under-Secretary of State for Navy, conferred with Admiral Eric Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, it was said.

The conference resulted in "full accord concerning joint German-Italian naval strategy against Britain," it was reported.—United Press.



British Destroyers in Mediterranean

British warships have been actively co-operating with the land and air forces during the successful drive against the Italians in Libya. The picture shows destroyers operating off the African coast.

Japan Recognizes Dutch Govt. as Ruling N.E.I.

"I Suppose We Shall Have to Modify Our Proposed Southward Policy,"—Mr. Ohashi

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

JAPAN is at present negotiating with the Netherlands Government in exile in Britain as the authority exerting administration over the Netherlands East Indies, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, told the Diet today.

Admitting that the position of the Netherlands Government in exile was 'without precedent," Mr. Ohashi pointed out that Japan was now carrying on negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies Government, which receives orders from the Netherlands Government in London.

Replying to an interpellation, the Vice-Minister explained at length the relationship between the Netherlands Government in London and the Netherlands East Indies, and between the Vichy Government and Indo-China. The Netherlands East Indies, he stated, constituted a part of Netherlands territory, whereas Indo-China was a French colony.

Mr. Ohashi expressed the opinion that normally it would be expected that the Netherlands Government should seek refuge in the Netherlands East Indies, which was part of its territory, instead of in England, however, at present "there is an unnatural situation in which the Government is in England while its territory lies in the East Indies."

The Vice-Minister contrasted this situation with that of France, where the Government remained in Vichy, maintaining its authority over Indo-China.

Replying specifically to an interpellator, who asked how this situation was affected by Article Two of the tripartite pact, whereby Germany and Italy agreed to recognize and respect the leadership of Japan in the establishment of a new order in East Asia, Mr. Ohashi cited Japanese mediation in the Thai-Indo-Chinese dispute as an instance of such leadership.

It signifies that Japan will assume responsibility for seeing that no dispute will arise between the various races in this part of the world, so that their happiness and prosperity will be assured.

It does not mean that Japan will resort to force in order to occupy or conquer them. Naturally I suppose we shall have to modify our proposed southward policy, depending on local requirements, Mr. Ohashi declared.

While declining to predict the situation in the case of a British defeat, Mr. Ohashi said that he imagined that the Netherlands Government would probably evacuate to the Dutch East Indies.

[Reuter.

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Lone Raiders Bomb Nazi Objectives

Shipping Off Dutch Coast Hit; Four Nazi Planes Downed Over Britain

London, Feb. 18.

Bombers operating singly attacked objectives in German-occupied territory during daylight on Sunday, an Air Ministry communique said yesterday.

Bombs hit a quay at Hellevoetsluis, Holland, and a vessel moored alongside, the communique said. British planes also bombed shipping off the Dutch coast and targets at Zeebrugge, Midleburg and Denhelder, the communique stated.

Small formations of the German Luftwaffe crossed the cloudy and cold Straits of Dover and attacked a few districts in the London area for nearly three hours last night.

London appeared to have been the sole objective of the Luftwaffe last night, although a few bombs fell in a nearby county. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell on various London districts, but the attack was desultory and was not heavy.

Anti-aircraft guns boomed fairly consistently and indicated the attackers were overhead most of the time.

Shell fragments dropped on many streets of the capital, sending a few evening strollers dashing into doorways while cab drivers donned tin hats but continued to drive their cabs.

Firemen quickly quelled incendiary missiles and only two fires were reported. Raiders dropped scores of flares, illuminating the area like daylight. The all clear sounded before midnight.—United Press

Four Nazis Downed

London, Feb. 18.

Two more enemy bombers were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire over the coast, making a total of four enemy aircraft destroyed during the night, states an Air Ministry communique, which adds that one aircraft of the Bomber Command is missing from a flight over enemy territory during a daylight raid today.—Reuter.

U.S. Marines to Stay In North China

Fourth U.S. Marine officials here yesterday said Marines were not being withdrawn from North China garrisons.

Commenting on a report in the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun," which said the garrisons were being withdrawn, officials said Marines who left yesterday had merely finished their duties there and were being replaced by new arrivals.

Mr. Matsuoka Wants United Front

Japanese Opposed to Axis Pact Rebuked; No Firm Diplomacy Without Unity

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Rebuking those in Japan who were opposed to the Tripartite Pact and who minimized Japan's determination to establish a sphere of co-prosperity in Greater East Asia by suggesting that his declarations were bluff which the United States could call by showing a firm attitude, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, in addressing the Budgetary Committee of the Lower House yesterday, urged the people of Japan to demonstrate that they were "determined to establish an East Asiatic sphere of co-prosperity."

Calling to account those who asserted that Japan was exhausted by the China conflict, Mr. Matsuoka declared: "I cannot conduct a firm diplomacy unless this aspect of Japan—that of the determination of the people—is reflected abroad."

Be always prepared for the worst, the Foreign Minister added, whilst simultaneously exhausting all peaceful measures until the very last.

"The basis for these peaceful measures lies in the establishment of a highly developed national defence system. Ultimately diplomacy is force, and it goes without saying that diplomacy not backed by strength can accomplish nothing," Mr. Matsuoka declared.

Urging the people of Japan to demonstrate their determination to establish a sphere of co-prosperity in East Asia, Mr. Matsuoka said: "That is our conviction, which we shall not abandon regardless of what may come. All Japanese are firmly united in this belief, which is based not only on an empty hope but is supported by a national strength capable of bringing about the realization of this great ideal."

This would constitute a basis of diplomacy upon which a programme for the establishment of a sphere of common prosperity should be established.—Reuter.

Matsuoka's Opinion

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, today said that passage by the United States Congress of the lend-lease bill would have no serious effects on Japan.

He also doubted whether passage of the bill, which would allow practically unlimited American short-of-war aid to Britain, would have an "important bearing" on the German operations against England.

He said that he believed this because of a "common sense point of view" that at least six months would be required before effective results could be obtained by Britain from greater American aid.

Mr. Matsuoka, who made these statements in response to questions by members of the Budget Committee of the Lower House, denied that he had knowledge of the date when the Germans would attempt an invasion of Britain.—United Press.

British Invasion of Thailand "Ridiculous"

Bangkok, Feb. 18.

The British Legation here yesterday declined to comment on its reported advice that British women and children evacuate Thailand.

Sir Josuah Crosby, British Minister to Bangkok, however, issued a statement commenting on Japanese reports that Britain was planning to invade Thailand.

"Anglo-Thai relations are very cordial and any suggestion to the contrary is ridiculous—so ridiculous as scarcely to call for contradiction," the statement said.—United Press.

Japanese Press Gangs Again Reported in Yangtszepoo

Hundreds of Chinese Said to Have Been Conscripted for Work by Army

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

REPEATED reports of Japanese forcing able-bodied Chinese to work for them were definitely confirmed yesterday when the "North-China Daily News" learned from the most reliable sources that Japanese Army "press-gangs" had been in operation in the north of the Soochow Creek area, particularly in the Yangtszepoo district, for some time.

These operations take place under cover of darkness, late at night and early in the morning, resulting in large numbers of Chinese being forcibly taken by the Japanese. Hundreds of workers of the Shanghai Power Co., Patons and Baldwins, Ltd., and other industrial concerns in the Yangtsepoo district, have recently asked for permission to remain on the premises during the night, all being afraid to leave after dark.

Four of the "kidnapped" Chinese had managed to escape to relate their experiences. They said that hundreds of coolies, most of them from districts along the railway such as Haining, Shenshih and Kashing, were busy loading supplies on three transports at Jukong Wharf and that they were afterwards forced on board and sent South with the ships.

"Certain Place" Near Hongkong

Several of the "conscripted" workers stated that they had been "arrested" in Hangchow, thus confirming the report appearing in the "Shun Pao" that a whole train had been used to bring Chinese from that city and other stations on the way. They were later told that they would be sent to a certain place near Hongkong to take part in construction work for the Japanese Army.

In this connection it is learned that hundreds of Chinese workers of industrial concerns and Chinese servants, working for families residing in the North of the Soochow Creek area, are afraid to appear in the streets after dark, not only in the Yangtszepoo district, but in Wayside and Hongkew as well since cases of labour "conscription" have been reported from there.

The Yangtszepoo district is like a city of the dead at night, since very few dare to be seen on the streets.

Early yesterday morning, Japanese press-gangs started operating again in Yangtszepoo, stopping motor cars and trucks. Although it is said that a statement said.—United Press.

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Vichy Believes Bulgarian-Turkish Pact May Aid Balkans Peace

Conclusion of Agreement Immediately After British And Turkish Military Talks Held Significant

Vichy, Feb. 17.

The Bulgarian-Turkish statement published simultaneously in Sofia and Ankara today was considered by observers here as a new element contributing towards the consolidation of peace in the Balkans.

Particularly significant is the fact that it came upon the heels of the important military conversations between members of the British and Turkish General Staffs.

Since the outbreak of the European hostilities, an atmosphere of mutual distrust and suspicion had prevailed between Bulgaria and Turkey, and caused military measures to be taken at their common frontier on several occasions. President Ismet Inonu of Turkey recently inspected Turkish defences in Thrace.

Turkey backed the Greek viewpoint concerning the Alexandroupolis question. In other words she constantly opposed Bulgaria's demands for an outlet upon the Aegean Sea.

The joint statement published in Ankara and Sofia today seems to have put an end to the threat of a Bulgarian initiative against Greece, taking advantage of the latter's conflict with Italy.

Meanwhile, it is rumoured in Sofia that Bulgaria's leading statesmen would leave for Berlin shortly, thus following in the footsteps of the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister, who recently returned to their country from a conference with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden.

These various reports are considered to have dispelled the anxiety prevalent during the past few days. Havas Telemondial

Lend-Lease Bill Enters Final Lap in Senate

"American People Will Not Allow England to Fall" — Senator Pepper's Promise: Situation In Far East Figures in Discussion

Washington, Feb. 18.

DEMOCRATIC and Republican speakers in the Senate yesterday launched the final verbal drive for passage of the momentous Lend-Lease Bill—with the Far Eastern situation figuring prominently in discussions.

Mr. Alben W. Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky and Senate Majority Floor leader declared that enactment of the bill was necessary in order to aid China, Britain and Greece. Japan, he said, would control the entire western Pacific, if Germany defeated Britain.

Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat of Florida, declared that "the American people will not allow England to fall—call it war or no war. Put this down as a promise: America will not let England fall!"

Senator Warren R. Austin, Republican of Vermont and assistant G. O. P. leader, said enactment of the bill "means no more appeasement for us."

Destruction or immobilization of the British Navy, Senator Austin said, would bring the United States "under immediate threat of invasion. Then we would go on the defensive so rapidly we would cash in our freedom and become a totalitarian state."

Debate on the bill started when Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican of Ohio, asked Senator Barkley, "why didn't you urge a declaration of war?"

Not Necessary

"I do not regard a declaration of war necessary to accomplish our purpose," Senator Barkley replied. "I believe the measure is an effective means to make less likely our participation in the war."

Senator Taft came back with: "I say that if war is inevitable if England falls, then we ought to go to war."

"Then go to war," snapped back Senator Barkley.

"A German victory," Senator Barkley explained earlier, "would place in German hands weapons with which to destroy us."

He pleaded for prompt enactment in order to place the U.S. armament production at disposal of Britain, Greece and China.

"The present foreign wars are inhuman, bestial revolutions against every freedom for which men have striven through centuries of hardship," Senator Barkley said. "In the event of a victory for Chancellor Adolf Hitler, and his allies they would have control of foreign exchange, trade and raw materials of Europe and Asia, including materials vital to our national defence and national life.

"If Chancellor Hitler wins in Europe and Africa," Senator Barkley said, "we must presuppose that Japan, as an Axis Power, will control, if she does not occupy, the entire Pacific west of Hawaii, including Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies.

"Should the Axis Powers win they will have a naval strength two and a half times that of the United States —without considering the British Navy—which would be still further augmented by capture of any considerable part of the British Navy."

Opposition

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, and opposition leader, spoke strongly against the lend-lease bill.

He compared it to the French "full powers law" under which M. Edouard Daladier, former French Premier, took France into the war without approval of the French Parliament.

Senator Austin disagreed with Senator Wheeler, after which Senator Wheeler repeated his charges that there was not a "single, solitary aeroplane in the United States with modern equipment for combat service abroad."

Senator Austin replied that military aeroplane production had increased to 350 planes monthly in the last month alone.

"I challenge the committees of Military Affairs and Foreign Relations to bring before them not the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, but the heads of those departments themselves," Senator Wheeler then stated.

The War and Navy chiefs, he said would have to "tell of the deplorable condition of our Army and Navy in relation to aeroplanes, ships and everything else——especially power."

Senator Austin replied that even if he accepted Senator Wheeler's contention that the U.S. was unprepared, "Congress should pass the bill and we will show the World a miracle."

"Go Even Further"

Senator Pepper said American public opinion was solidly at the

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Soviet-Japanese Parleys Open

Trade Talks Started in Moscow; Japan's Efforts Prove Successful

Moscow, Feb. 18.

Soviet-Japanese trade negotiations began here yesterday, it was announced. Opening of negotiations followed prolonged and concerted efforts by Japanese diplomats, headed by Lieutenant-General Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, to open trade parleys with the Soviets.

Last month Japan and Russia signed a *modus vivendi* extending the previous temporary fisheries agreement. Russia won vital concessions from Japan in the agreement, which was regarded here as a Soviet diplomatic victory.

Gen. Tatekawa conferred with M. Anastas Mikoyan, Foreign Trade Commissar, and submitted proposals for an exchange of goods. The conversation lasted 90 minutes. The Soviet reply was expected to be delivered tomorrow. Japanese circles here were optimistic over resumption of negotiations.

A mixed commission on a long term fisheries convention between Russia and Japan was being discussed simultaneously, it was announced.

Japanese circles said that most Soviet-Japanese problems already have been solved or were in the process of settlement.

M. Mikoyan now is negotiating trade agreements with Rumanian, Swiss, Swedish and Belgian delegations, as well as with the Japanese, it was announced.

The announcement was consistent with a recent statement in "Pravda" that the Soviet union was ready to conclude an economic accord with many countries, belligerent and non-belligerent, which would serve mutual interests.—United Press.

Air Base in Spratley Isles-Saigon Report

Information Reported to Come From Reliable Source

Saigon, Feb. 18.

Japanese recently completed a small airfield in the Spratley Islands, 180 miles south-east of Saigon, an authoritative neutral source said yesterday.

Barracks and hangars also are being built at the field, it was said, although only a small number of troops have arrived on the barren islands.

Although the islands are not suited for construction of a naval base, the neutral source said, submarines refuel there. A small amount of naval supplies is understood to be stored there.

The one Japanese plane which several weeks ago circled over Saigon flew from the Spratley Islands airfield, it was said.

Meanwhile, Major-General Raishiro Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission to French Indo-China, will return from here to Hanoi on Friday, it was said.

Three hundred more Japanese troops have been landed at Haiphong and the Thai-Indo-China border situation has improved, it was said.—United Press.

Soviet-Bulgarian Trade Parleys Open

London, Feb. 18.

Trade negotiations began yesterday in Moscow between Russia and Bulgaria, according to the German radio this morning.—Reuter.

America May Ship Food to Britain As Well as War Material

Food Problem Discussed at Roosevelt Conference With American Leaders; Mr. Hopkins Present

Washington, Feb. 18.

The United States will ship food as well as arms to Britain, it appeared after a conference yesterday between President Roosevelt, members of his cabinet and Mr. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins was called in to formulate machinery of action after passage of the lend-lease bill.

Mr. Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, indicated that the food problem of several questions discussed at the conference.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, approved the food proposal and indicated that it would not be necessary to change the language of the present bill to permit shipment of food abroad.

Mr. Alben W. Barkley, Senate majority floor leader, agreed with Mr. Wallace.—United Press

Ottawa, Feb. 18.

The rapid crystallization of opinion in the United States in favour of actively assisting the Democracies against aggression has been the most important event of the present year, declared the Prime Minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, in the House of Commons yesterday.

He said the growing might of the United States "towers like an impending avalanche above the heads of aggressor nations." Although he had no doubt regarding the ultimate victory, he thought the road would be much harder, longer and more terrible than most people imagined.

The considered creation of an Imperial War Cabinet now would not facilitate the Empire's war effort, Mr. Mackenzie King added.—Reuter.

Third of Spanish City Razed In Gale-Whipped Blaze

Hundreds Killed and Injured as Terrific Storm Wreaks Havoc in Southern Portugal and Spain

Santander, Spain, Feb. 18.

SANTANDER, which was almost wiped out by great fires in 1503 and 1893, today was a skeleton city, with nearly one-third of it destroyed by flames which raged for two days.

The huge conflagration was the direct result of the terrific storm which swept through Portugal and Spain over the week-end, leaving several hundred dead, hundreds injured and devastating huge areas in addition to sinking at least 25 ships and scores of barges.

By yesterday morning 78 bodies had been recovered in Portugal and hundreds were known to have been injured. Earliest estimates of losses suffered in Portugal placed the figure at 80,000,000 escudos. On Madeira Island scores of sugar and banana plantations were destroyed and the total damage was estimated at 50,000,000 escudos, Lisbon reports said.

Southern Portugal was practically isolated even yesterday, as communications with other parts of the country remained impossible, according to Lisbon.

Troops Called Out

With Santander pitted with charred ruins and half of the city's population of 65,000 homeless, the Spanish Government rushed troops and engineers to cope with the terrible situation.

Every effort was made to house the homeless and provide them with food and also to prevent new outbreaks of fire. While ashes of hundreds of houses still smouldered today, hurried estimates placed the damage at about US$15,000,000. At least 300 buildings were but piles of ashes and hundreds of other houses were damaged.

Cathedral Destroyed

The famed Gothic Cathedral, a showplace of Santander, was destroyed, as was the Bank of Spain building.

Firemen from Madrid, Bilbao, Valladolid and Burgos had the fire under control early today.

Although the damage was terrible, the casualties, still undetermined, were believed to be low.

The fire started on Sunday when the hurricane blew a high tension cable on to an oil tanker which burst into flames that spread rapidly in the wind.

The first of Santander's two previous fires, in 1503, razed almost the entire town. In 1893, a dynamite-laden steamer exploded killing 800, injuring 1,000 and starting a great fire.

Most of the present destruction occurred in the "old city" area of Santander.—United Press.

Axis Drive on Many Fronts Predicted

Canadian Premier Again Issues Warning; World Conflagration Foreseen

Ottawa, Feb. 18.

Mr. William L. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, yesterday presented a realistic review of the war situation to the House of Commons and warned that an Axis offensive—including a Japanese thrust at Singapore—of unprecedented severity could be expected to break in the immediate future.

The offensive, he said, may strike "in all places at once." He forecast long grim months ahead in which "we must expect setbacks and discouragements."

"Among diplomatic and military authorities," Mr. King said, "there is a growing belief in the possibility of a world wide conflagration involving an attempted German invasion of Britain timed with thrusts against the Suez Canal and Gibraltar and a Japanese attack on Singapore."

He predicted that the Axis strategy was to destroy Britain "during a very critical stage that is certain to be reached before the United States aid to Britain is available."

Mr. King said that undoubtedly the forces of freedom would triumph in the end but warned that the "road is going to be much harder, much longer and must more terrible than most people realize."—United Press.

Thai Violation Holds Up Border Talks

Troops Said to Have Penetrated Laos

Saigon, Feb. 18.

Peace talks in Tokyo between Thailand and Indo-China were suspended as a result of a Thai violation of the armistice agreement, authoritative quarters revealed today. More than 1,000 Thais penetrated northern Laos last week, thus violating the terms of the armistice agreement reached here recently. The French retaliated by suspending the peace talks in Tokyo and warning that they would not resume the negotiations until all of the Thais withdrew, the authoritative quarters added.

A Japanese officer two days ago left for Laos by plane to make sure that the Thais withdrew and Major-General Raishiro Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission to Indo-China, is to leave for the same area tomorrow. He then will return to Hanoi to board a plane for Tokyo.

Meanwhile, permits held by foreign firms for the export of rice and rubber have been cancelled, although the Japanese can continue to export such products.

This situation is causing much dissatisfaction among foreign firms which do not believe that it will be clarified until after the peace negotiations will have been concluded in Tokyo. The peace talks were said to be pushing the economic discussions into the background.—United Press.

Portuguese Charged At Consular Court

Accused of Running Gambling, Opium Dens

Luiz Antonio Perpetuo, alleged owner of a gambling and opium den at 1477 Bubbling Well Road was formally charged at the Portuguese Consular Court yesterday. The charges were read by Mr. J. F. Teixeira, public prosecutor of the Portuguese court, and were handed over to Mr. T. Rangel, who is defending the accused.

Mr. Rangel, it is learned, will have eight days in which to prepare his defence, following which the trial will be opened.

It may be recalled that the Settlement Police raided 1477 Bubbling Well Road on December 26 of last year, seizing gambling and opium paraphernalia. Several Chinese were also arrested in the raid.

Governor Reaffirms Burma's Confidence

Rangoon, Feb. 18.

Burma's confidence in her own preparations backed by the might of the Empire to meet any attack, was expressed by the Governor, Sir Archibald D. Cochrane, in a speech today.

An attack on Burma, he asserted, would be an attack on the whole might of the Empire and its allies.

"In Burma, we are making our contribution towards increasing all man-power of the Empire, and I am glad to record that progress has been made towards completion of the task, which has been considerable."

The Governor referred to the clear grasp of the issues manifest everywhere in Burma.—Reuter.

11 Nazi Destroyers Sunk at Narvik

London, Feb. 18.

Authoritative quarters in London stated today that 11 German destroyers were sunk in naval battles off Narvik ten months ago. At the time it was announced that nine destroyers had been accounted for, but it was now possible to say that the total had been brought to 11.—Reuter.

*Lend-Lease Bill On Final Lap

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back of the aid bill and would "go even further" if the assistance authorized was "not enough."

Senator Pepper said that the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, before his death said that if the United States was obliged to defend the Western Hemisphere alone it would need three navies, one fleet to screen the Western Hemisphere's 43,000 mile coastline, another to meet the enemy in mid-ocean and another to seal exits of the Old World from which enemy fleets might sail against the New World.

Senator Pepper said the British Navy consistently had upheld the Monroe doctrine and after the Napoleonic wars had prevented European Powers from extending their power to the Western Hemisphere.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, contended the lend-lease bill was consistent with the Monroe doctrine and said the doctrine was a challenge to single willed governments.

"There can be no single domination of the whole world so long as we adhere to the Monroe Doctrine," he said.

The doctrine, he pointed out, was not static, pointing out that the good neighbour policy and various Pan-American declarations changed it from a unilateral instrument to a multilateral one.

"The states of the Western Hemisphere have declared their adherence thereto on the basis of mutuality," Senator Thomas said. "The Monroe Doctrine stands as the last resort to a contest of force and upholds the rights of small nations to sovereignty.—United Press.

Details of Damage to Genoa Revealed

Shells Start Huge Fires In Electric, Boiler Works

London, Feb. 18.

It is now revealed that large fires were caused in the Ansaldo electric and boiler works, at the main power station and drydocks round the inner harbour as a result of the British naval bombardment of Genoa.

Hits were also registered on oil-tanks, and marshalling yards. Various buildings in the industrial district of Sampier da Rena were struck, as well as buildings at Cala del Grazie.

Great damage was done to wharves in this area and on the old mole. The same tale of heavy damage applies to wharves and warehouses in Calata, San Benizno and wharves next to the old storage on the west side of the Inner Harbour.

Electrical services were interrupted and railways and tramways were at a standstill. A gasometer burned all day. The action was also marked by the complete ineffectiveness of the Italian shore batteries.—Reuter.

Hand Grenade Explodes In Garbage Pile

Four persons, two men and two women, all Chinese, were slightly injured yesterday and taken to the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic following an explosion of a hand grenade in Lane 318 Woochang Road. The missile was concealed in a quantity of garbage which a Chinese hawker bought from an unknown Chinese female. The purchaser later burnt the refuse not knowing that the hand grenade was in it. The explosion occurred at about 12.5 p.m.

*Bulgaria, Turkey Sign Pact

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says Mr. Vernon Bartlett, writing in the "News-Chronicle."

"It is, therefore, important to insist that the Turks have emphasized that it in no way affects their obligations towards Great Britain.

"It has been obvious for some time that the Turkish army would not march into Bulgaria to meet the Germans there but concentrate on defending national interests on their own chosen ground. Therefore, the new agreement does not alter the existing situation in fact.

"I believe that negotiations for the pact began at Turkey's request when it still seemed probable that the Bulgarians might be encouraged to take action to prevent German infiltration. Events, however, moved faster than the negotiations. Refusal to conclude them despite the changed circumstances would have strengthened the fear felt in some Bulgarian circles that an attack was to be anticipated from the Turkish side.

"It must be repeated that full satisfaction is expressed in London over the clause in which Turkey states her close understanding with Britain," Mr. Bartlett adds.

Britain's Aim

Great Britain's policy is aimed at maintaining the neutrality and independence of Bulgaria and at preventing the war from spreading to Bulgarian soil, according to the British Minister in Sofia, Mr. George W. Rendel.

Troops Stay on Border

"In Sofia, the agreement is interpreted as an indication that Turkey would remain neutral if events in Bulgaria did not directly threaten her," declared the announcer on the Lyons radio this morning.

He added that according to information there was no question of any mutual withdrawal of troops from the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier. —Reuter.

Americans Pessimistic

New York, Feb. 18.

Comment here in the press and on the radio on the Turkish-Bulgarian friendship pact is pessimistic. The news is presented as a Nazi diplomatic triumph, and is interpreted as opening the way for the unopposed march of German troops through Bulgaria.

Notwithstanding this gloomy tone, however, it is not suggested that the British situation in the eastern Mediterranean is necessarily jeopardized, but merely that the task is now harder.

The "New York Herald Tribune" compares the pact with the Soviet-German pact and sees it "pulling the props from under what is left of the Balkans".

The "New York Times" thinks that the pact is "anything but reassuring". This latest Hitler diplomatic victory could have been prevented if the neutrals had presented a solid front against him in the beginning, the newspaper says, adding that it seems as if Russia has influenced the decision.

The daily thinks that future Turkish action is not impossible and that the Near Eastern situation is not substantially altered.—Reuter.

"Implied Promise"

Sofia, Feb. 18.

Reliable neutral quarters interpreted the pact signed by Turkey and Bulgaria yesterday as an implied promise that Turkey would remain neutral if German troops moved across Bulgaria.

These quarters believed that Turkey, under the terms of the declaration, would not take action unless its own integrity was violated.

The Turkish-Bulgarian statement officially was described as a "declaration," not a pact, and it was stated officially that no non-aggression agreement between the countries other than this one recently had been signed.

Bulgaria had done its utmost to stay out of war and was continuing its policy toward that end. reliable neutral sources said. They indicated the declaration could be considered an accomplishment in that direction.

"Without Prejudice"

The preface to the statement said that it was "without prejudice to engagements contracted with other ccuntries."

The declaration jointly reaffirmed the friendship. mutual respect and neutrality of the two countries and said that "Turkey and Bulgaria consider it as an unmovable foundation to their external policies to abstain from all aggression...."

"The two governments are animated by the friendliest intentions one to the other and have decided to maintain and develop to an advantage the mutual confidence of their good neighbourly relations," the declaration stated.—United Press.

Bulgaria Said Bound

Ankara, Feb. 18.

The chief significance of the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration, according to Turkish political circles, is that Bulgaria binds herself not to attack Turkey or Greece.

The Bulgarian Government is reported to be doing its best to persuade the Germans to keep out.

Political circles here are non-committal regarding the possibility of a further development of Bulgarian-Turkish relations.—Reuter.

Agreement Said "Modest"

Sofia, Feb. 17.

"The political agreement signed between the Bulgarian and Turkish Governments is a modest one." M. Ivan Popoff, Bulgarian Foreign Minister, declared in a statement here today at a press conference.

"However, the agreement proves at least that both Bulgaria and Turkey sincerely desire peace," he added.—Havas Telemondial.

Chinese Falls to Death From Fourth Floor

A male Chinese dressed in an ordinary blue cloth long gown fell from the fourth floor of a building at 65 Avenue Edward VII at about 11 p.m. yesterday and died later in St. Marie's Hospital. The unfortunate person had not been identified at an early hour this morning. The cause of the tragedy could not be ascertained but it was believed by Chinese circles that it might be a case of suicide. He was between 25 and 30 years old.

Shortage of Ships On Pacific

Sugar Imports to U.S. Now Falling Off; Scarcity in 1942 Predicted

New York, Feb. 18.

National defence demands on shipping may result in a U.S. sugar shortage in 1942, informed sources said here yesterday.

Western Hemisphere supplies are ample to meet 1941 requirements, it was understood, but the scarcity of bottoms already is evident in the Pacific.

Thus far the Philippines have shipped only one-fourth of the million-ton allotment since November.

The U.S. 1941 import quota is 6,616,817 short tons of which 4,646,752 tons were to be imported from Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Philippines.

Shipments from the West Indies and Cuba thus far have not been affected; however, it is impossible to book tonnage 90 days ahead. Informed sources said the bottle-neck in Philippines shipments, caused by shortage of bottoms, would greatly curtail sugar shipments from there. Other sources said they doubted that a Caribbean shortage was imminent.—United Press.

*Japan Recognizes Dutch Govt.

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"Depending upon the measures taken by the Netherlands Government in London in such a contingency, we will have to adopt appropriate measures," the vice-Minister declared, remarking that even if such a situation should arise, the Netherlands East Indies Government, with which Japan is dealing, will remain.

"I believe that our relations with them will not be actually affected, as it is different from the European problem. Consequently I believe that no difficulties will arise as long as the Netherlands East Indies Government remains, no matter what happens to the Netherlands Government in London," the vice-Minister concluded.—Reuter.

Recognition of Wang

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, today said that he expected Germany and Italy to recognize the Wang Ching-wei regime at Nanking within the next six weeks.

Mr. Ohashi made this statement in response to a question by Mr. Koichi Seko, former member of the now defunct Seiyuki Party, at a session of the Deficit Bonds Committee of the Lower House.—United Press.

*Japanese Press Gangs Reported

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large number of Chinese have been "kidnapped" in the Japanese controlled area, only one report has been made to the proper authorities up to yesterday. In many instances the Chinese victims of this racket have simply vanished, leaving absolutely no trace.

Several Lucky Fellows

In some cases the men had been lucky enough to elude their captors and returned to tell their tales. One of these was reported yesterday in the "Chinese-American Daily News." Quoting a man who has escaped from the Japanese detention, the report states that the detained Chinese, more than 1,000 in number, who were later sent away in trucks, were not even allowed to buy their food.

The labour conscription started on Saturday evening and the number of Chinese men detained by the Japanese well passed the 1,000 mark. The escaped person, interviewed by a local Chinese news agency, is quoted as saying that he was caught by the Japanese on Saturday at 9 p.m. while visiting a friend. He was stopped at the end of Yangtszepoo Road by three Japanese gendarmes, who took him to the sixth floor of the Japanese headquarters at the end of North Szechuen Road, where he saw more than 500 workers, awaiting orders from the military.

Several commandeered Chinese, it was reported, had not taken their supper, and when they requested the interpreter of the Japanese military to allow them to buy food, they met with a flat refusal. The interpreter is quoted as saying, "that if they showed any sign of hunger or exposure," they would be beaten. They were also told that most probably they would be sent to various war fronts to work as coolies, or to the first line of defence as cannon-fodder.

The escaped man saw more than ten Japanese soldiers leading approximately 200 commandeered men from the headquarters. He, himself, was led away at midnight with other men. They were all forced to leave in a truck, but when the vehicle reached the vicinity of Wentsaopang (creek), he decided to escape since he knew that there would be little hope for his life if he was sent to the front.

Taking the chance when the car stopped for a little while on the road, he jumped into the creek and swam to safety. Just before he reached the shore of the creek, he heard a shot fired, but that time he had already entered a cave.

Days of Quisling Said Numbered

Germans Grow Impatient at Lack of Ample Following

Stockholm, Feb. 18.

Indication that the days of the Quisling regime in Norway are numbered is given in impressions gained by an observer just returned from that country, says the "Dagens Nyheter."

A rumour that the Germans have given Quisling a time limit expiring next month in which to secure adequate following appears, according to this source, to be well founded, and opposition lately has been accentuated. This has been particularly noticeable since a protest made recently by Norwegian bishops which, though prohibited, has been widely circulated.—Reuter.

Nazi Infiltration Into Japan Shows Weakness

London Paper Comments On Matsuoka Admission

London, Feb. 18.

Now, Germany is moving into Japan, says the "Daily Herald." "The Japanese Foreign Minister is obliged to announce the arrival of German technicians and ask support of the public for the step. This, remember, is the public which has been fed for years on the legend of Japanese self-sufficiency and of Japan's right and fitness to organize Asiatic life without European help or interference.

"There was a time when Japan assiduously copied British methods and gained strength thereby. In recent years, her extremists have reacted violently against this association, only to collapse into the arms of the most calculating, most treacherous of her European allies—Hitler.

"What will the Japanese people think about this confession of weakness and dependence upon the so-called equal party in the Axis? How long will they, and all other populations whose leaders have accepted the 'new order,' endure their position of inferiority when every week brings fresh evidence of the Nazis' boundless ambition and rapacity?

"While we fight the Nazis, let us remember the bewildered populations who are being harnessed to Hitler's purpose of world conquest. Their disillusionment may hasten the collapse of Nazism's whole crazy structure," the "Daily Herald" concludes.—Reuter.

Britons, Americans Staying at Hankow

Hankow, Feb. 18.

Despite renewed evacuation advice by London and Washington, 150 British and 130 American residents here will not leave, it was reliably learned.

The evacuation advice repeated this week by the British Embassy in China created serious discussion among British nationals here. However, they decided not to evacuate in view of the fact that their commercial interests have been established through efforts of years and, even if they decide to leave, necessary arrangements will take considerable time.

Meanwhile, no American has made a decision to evacuate. Since the first evacuation advice issued last year, approximately 30 Americans left Hankow, while 16 are now waiting for permission to sail for Shanghai.—Domei.

Philippines to Resist "New Order"

Washington, Feb. 18.

The Filipinos will resist the "new order" of the Axis with all the resources at their disposition. Sr Joaquin Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner here, today told the United Press.

Sr. Elizalde made this statement coincident with indications by Insular Affairs Congressmen that they were not surprised at press reports from Manila that Sr. Manuel Quezon had decided to be available for re-election as President.

The Philippines Resident Commissioner said that the Filipinos would resist the "new order" because "we see our future menaced" by the expansionist aims of the Totalitarian Powers.—United Press.

Italian Pilots of 1921 Class to Be Called

Rome, Feb. 18.

The second group of the 1921 class of aviators will be called to the colours on February 27, the Air Ministry announced today.

The first group of this class was called up last month.

University students now will not be granted any special postponement of military service usually conceded them until they conclude their studies.—United Press.

Japanese Strengthen Fleet Off Siam

Saigon, Feb. 18.

The Japanese Fleet in the western area of the Gulf of Siam has been greatly strengthened by the largest units to date from Formosa, authoritative sources said today.—United Press.

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World Conference to End Present War

"Nichi Nichi" Wants Ironing Out of Differences

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

The influential "Nichi Nichi" today said Japan desired a world conference in order to end the current conflict.

Asserting that Britain and the United States needlessly were frightened about conditions in the Far East, the paper said that if the various world Powers gathered around a conference table they could iron out their differences.

Far Eastern fears, the "Nichi Nichi" said, were created by America and Britain themselves. Japan's only interest, the newspaper said, was to help construct a new "World Order" in the interests of firm establishment of World peace.

"Japan desires the various world powers concerned to meet at the conference table, deliberate and iron out their outstanding issues with wisdom and cool judgment," the paper said.

The "Nichi Nichi" said, Anglo-American war-like preparations and other manœuvres would not affect Japan's policies revolving about the tripartite alliance and establishment of a "New Order in East Asia."—United Press.

Record 1,800 Miles Flight by R.A.F.

Leaflet Raid on Poland Beats Previous Marks

London, Feb. 18.

The flight to Cracow on Saturday night when British planes visited Poland and dropped leaflets was the farthest operation of the Royal Air Force from Britain in the war, and entailed travelling more than 1,600 miles over enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

The British planes were probably nine hours in the air, the total journey being about 1,800 miles.

The longest flights previously made were those to Danzig, 1,600 miles, and to Milan, 1,200 miles, to and from bases in Britain.

The port of Hellevoetsluis which appeared in the Royal Air Force bombing list yesterday for the first time, is a small town 15 miles south of the Hook of Holland.—Reuter.

New Oil Policy in Mexico Welcomed

London, Feb. 18.

Oil companies greatly welcome the news that the Mexican President, Gen. Manuel Camacho, has informed labour leaders that the oil dispute must be settled, and that the 1938 Expropriation Law should be modified in accordance with justice and equity to enable Mexico to benefit from private enterprise.

It is believed that the President is determined to reach a mutually satisfactory settlement soon.

Gen. Camacho is said to have submitted a Bill to the Mexican Congress which may enable expropriated British, Dutch and American oil companies to resume operations.—Reuter.

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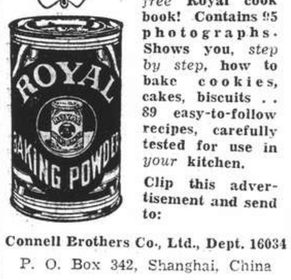

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British Ship Losses Continue to Drop

London, Feb. 18.

During the week ending February 9, British and Allied shipping losses amounted to 13 ships, totalling 29,806 tons.

The total tonnage lost during the week was less than half of the average weekly losses since the beginning of the war, and with one exception this was the ninth successive week that the total lost has been below the average.

Nine of the ships sunk were British, totalling 19,364 tons, while the other four were allied ships totalling 10,442 tons.—Reuter.

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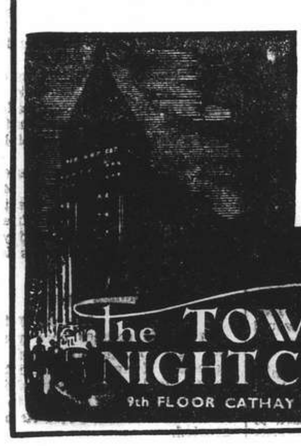

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Municipal Advocate Defines Status of S.M.C.

Upholds Right of Council to Collect Land Tax On 'Fangtan' Land in Court of Consuls

CONTENDING that the land of the plaintiffs is held on "fangtans" and competes with foreign-owned property and is taxable, Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., Municipal Advocate, addressed the Court of Consuls at some length yesterday afternoon at the adjourned hearing of the 'fangtan' land case brought against the Council by four Chinese landowners, including a "tipao," for damages and for exemption from payment of land tax involving more than $1,000,000 annually. The proceedings, which were held before Mr. E. A. Long, Secretary of the Consular Body and special commissioner appointed to take evidence in the case, were adjourned until tomorrow after one witness, Mr. Paul Y. Ru, Assistant Municipal Advocate, had been called.

Mr. Bryan declared that the argument of plaintiffs through their witnesses and counsel, Mr. Francis S. Liu, was that because Mr. Justice Feetham had stated that the Council had never collected land tax on "fangtan" land, the Council is not now entitled to do so. "In other words", he continued", "they claim that it is contrary to custom to require the owners of fangtan land to pay the land tax. This argument is founded upon a fallacious premise, for custom is only applicable in civil matters where it is not contrary to law or public policy.

"It is fundamental, elementary and axiomatic that where the power to tax has been delegated, the mere failure to use such power, no matter for how long a period, cannot be construed as a forfeiture of that power."

Mr. Justice Feetham

From the evidence adduced by plaintiffs, counsel said, it would cogently appear that their case is predicated upon 1, Mr. Justice Feetham's Report, and 2, an erroneous construction of the Land Regulations. Referring to the first proposition Mr. Bryan said:

"Mr. Justice Feetham is an able, learned, and erudite jurist and his report to the Shanghai Muncipal Council is a monumental work which will go down to posterity as the best historical sketch of the International Settlement and its Constitution that has ever been written. As an historical sketch, however, it is not evidence upon which a judgment of a court of law may be predicated... Mr. Justice Feetham's Report is not binding on the Council or any other person or organization except the author....The argument that Mr. Justice Feetham's Report and the facts therein stated are conclusive and binding on the defendant is totally without merit....Mr. Justice Feetham, like all broad-minded men, laid no claim to infallibility, neither did he state that his Report was a complete survey....

"During the early years of the Settlement, many attempts were made to collect a tax on 'fangtan' land, as appears from the Land Assessment Book of 1869 in which there are many names of Chinese who have paid the Land Tax....At a meeting of foreign ratepayers held at the Masonic Hall on May 9 and 13, 1870, a resolution was duly proposed by Mr. Hanbury, seconded by Mr. Purdon and carried by the meeting, which authorized the Council to levy a tax on land, the title to which was evidenced by 'fangtan'. This resolution which was passed by the Ratepayers in May, 1870, has never been cancelled or withdrawn and is still in full force and effect and grants the Council authority to tax 'fangtan' land...."

Early Days of Settlement

"Between 1872 and 1938 the Council made no serious attempt to collect a tax on 'fangtan' land, although it put on record that it was legally entitled to levy it and would endeavour to collect it....The reason why the Council did not collect a tax on 'fangtan' land between 1872 and 1938 was not because it was not legally entitled to tax such land, but on account of the following reasons: 1, the difficulties in ascertaining the owners of 'fangtan' land, due to lack of proper registration. This difficulty has been exemplified by the evidence offered by the plaintiffs. The illegal practice of cutting 'fangtans' and failure to register transfers have created further confusion; and 2, because in the early days of the Settlement, most of the unregistered land was wholly agricultural and not considered worth while taxing, as the revenue which it would produce, would probably not have covered the cost of its collection. This reason does not apply now for some of the 'fangtan' lands, and particularly the land of the plaintiffs which is the heart of the Settlement and revenue producing."

A 'fangtan', Mr. Bryan explained, is in reality a perpetual lease issued by the emperor to the occupant of the land on condition that he pays the ground rent, and failure to do so subjects the land to confiscation and the reversion of the title to the emperor. The term 'Consular Title Deed', he declared, is a misnomer, for technically it is in the same category as a 'fangtan' which is not a title deed but a perpetual lease. The original owner or vendor relinquishes all rights which he may have to the property and grants a title in perpetuity. The principal difference between a 'fangtan' and a consular title deed is that a 'fangtan' is only *prima facie* evidence of title while a consular title deed is conclusive evidence. The legal affect of the new land certificate is the same as that of a consular title deed and is conclusive evidence of title."

Plaintiffs' Unclean Hands

Mr. Bryan submitted that plaintiffs were estopped from claiming custom, adding "Because the failure to enforce consistently the tax on 'fangtan' land is due not to the fault of the defendant, but in part due to the difficulties raised by the plaintiffs themselves. In other words the plaintiffs do not come into court with clean hands and are, therefore, not entitled to the equitable remedy of mandamus prayed for."

After asserting that 'fangtan' land cannot be exempted from taxation and reviewing a consideration of the Land Regulations, Mr. Bryan went on to say:

"Before doubts can arise as to the construction of the powers conferred by the Land Regulations, such doubts must arise in the minds of the political departments of either the foreign powers or the Chinese Government. As far as I know, no doubts have ever been expressed by the political departments of either the foreign powers or the Chinese Government. The political department of the Chinese Government has not, as far as I know, ever filed any protest. In this case there can be no doubt that the Council by virtue of the proclamation of Taotai Lan and the Land Regulations, is clearly entitled to tax 'fangtan' land. The fact that plaintiffs refuse to comply with the law and pay their taxes, does not in any way indicate that there is any doubt as to the proper construction. If the law is as plaintiffs contend, it would be possible to make every legal case arising out of the Land Regulations a political matter, and this is probably exactly what the plaintiffs are endeavouring to do...."

Special Class of Ratepayers

"Under present conditions, the Council cannot forego the collection of taxes which are due and unpaid. To continue to exempt the owners of 'fangtan' land from the land tax would tend to create a special class of ratepayers in the Settlement who are exempt from taxation to the detriment of the other ratepayers. The Council cannot tolerate unfairness or a special land nobility who are free from the land tax. To permit this would throw an unjustifiable burden upon the other taxpayers.

"It is an open secret that many Chinese in the Settlement own land on consular title deeds, which land is registered in the name of foreigners. Plaintiffs in contending that the owners of 'fangtan' land are not liable to pay the land tax are discriminating against some of their own people for the owners of title deed land are required to pay both the Chinese Government land rent and the Council's land tax. The plaintiffs desire to place an extra burden upon the holders of consular title deeds for the benefit of themselves, a small privileged class of 'fangtan' owners.

"The Shanghai Municipal Council is not a municipal corporation in the strict legal sense. It is a voluntary association composed of citizens of many different nationalities who have combined together for the enjoyment in common in an orderly manner, of certain privileges which were accorded to them by agreements made by their respective governments and the Government of China. Among these privileges was the right of municipal control over a certain portion of the treaty port of Shanghai....Since the association is a voluntary one, just as residence within the area so controlled is voluntary, and since there is no common body of law which can be applied to all members of the association, it must follow that the association cannot maintain its existence unless it appeals to the inherent and innate right of self-preservation, to enforce recognition by all participants in its benefits of the obligations to abide by the reasonable regulations under which it is conducted."

Case of Muddled Thinking

Mr. Bryan then charged plaintiffs with wilfully and illegally refusing to pay their just contribution to the support and maintenance of the association and declared that in the circumstances the Council was fully authorized by law to disconnect the public utilities or to distrain on the land and chattels of the plaintiffs. These remedies, he submitted, have been held to be legal in England, America and China. If plaintiffs are not prepared to contribute their just share to the support and maintenance of the Council, they are at liberty to sell their property and seek other abodes.

"In conclusion" counsel said, "plaintiffs' case may be tersely epitomized by stating that it is the result of muddled thinking and a collection of false premises, wrong conclusions and specious fallacies."

Salvation Army Appeal

Late yesterday afternoon the 1941 Appeal Fund of the Salvation Army was rapidly nearing the $125,000 mark and with Brigadier B. Morris and his staff hopeful that this week will find the coveted $150,000 mark reached in the Army's campaign for $175,000 with which to carry on with its 1941 activities in full.

Brigadier Morris yesterday paid a glowing tribute to the excellent work being done by ladies of the Salvation Army and foreign and Chinese staff officers, all of whom are working day and night to bring success to the campaign, this being in addition to their regular duties.

Donations should be sent to Army Headquarters, 40 Nanking Road, Sassoon Arcade.

The new list of donations follows :—

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National Lands Co.	10		
Ozorio Mrs. L. A. M.	10		
Tsui Hua Chia Pieh Chang	500		
Pan Liu Ping	200	Anon	10
"Quink"	100	Froomson David	85
Barrett,A.L.	100	Hsu Shu-teh	500
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S.C.B.C.	100	Tiao Hsin Teh	25
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McLaren Mrs.M.	50	Tang Po Yuan	20
Daung,Z.H.James	50	Peng Tu Ching	20
Brown,N.D.	50	Pan Chih Shing	2[illegible]
Cleland,W.T.C.	50	Wang Chien Han	10
Kann,Mr/Mrs.E.	50	Pan Lien Chin	10
Foster,J.F.	50	Chung Kung Chi	10
"W.K."	50	Hu Mieh	10
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Gunther Miss I.H.	30	Kuo Chao Kung	10
Barraclough,E.S.	25	Li Wu Heng	2
Lee,C.C.	20	Tsao Shan Ching	1
Meathrel,W.R.	10		
Anon	10		
			$124,090

Appeal to Young Americans

American Junior Chamber Of Commerce President Asks for Support

At the fifth annual meeting of the American Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at the American Club yesterday, Mr. R. C. Phillips was elected to fill the position of President of that association for the coming year, taking the place of Mr. J. Stephen Clark.

At the same time, the following were also elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber for the coming year: Messrs. Paul E. Derby, vice-president; W. H. Mortimer, Treasurer, C. G. Flook, secretary; Geo. H. Greene; W. G. Fickett; John T. Janzsen, and J. Stephen Clark.

Mr. Phillips stated: "My task, and that of the Directors for the year 1941, has been made considerably easier by the fine leadership of the year past. You have read the President's report but I would, in tribute to the past President and his Directors, like once again to point out that while we have lost 16 members by transfers out of town, while six more are leaving and three have been "graduated" out of this organization, we yet have an active membership of 42.

"As a further accomplishment of the year past, may I point to the present Chinese language classes, under the tutelage of Dr. Erwin Reifler, under the management of our Language Class Committee, now one of the most successful projects this group has ever sponsored in its history.

Committees

"More important is the committee report on committees, going before the new Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. That report represents weeks of hard work by the Directors and officers of 1940; that report, if adopted, and given your individual support as active members of this organization, should put the Shanghai Jaycees on the map in a big way. And we are today in a fine position to make a name for ourselves as an organization. About that report, it is pertinent to note here that the very people who called this plan 'silly,' 'impractical,' and 'futile,' are today its staunchest supporters.

"In brief, there are 42 of you in the membership today; many of you would no doubt like to pitch in and do your share of the work. It is my intention, and I know this intention is shared by these members of the old Board of Directors who have been re-elected for 1941, to see that each and every one of you get an opportunity to actively associate yourself with Junior Chamber work and enjoy its rewards.

"Turning to the future, which many consider obscure as regards foreign rights and interests in this part of the world, we have to admit that Shanghai today is a city with an uncertain future. We'd be fools not to admit that a situation does exist. Consequently, our own future as an organization of young Americans may be correspondingly considered by many, equally obscure. However, I should like to take this opportunity to make a point:—as young Americans, aliens in a strange land, we have certain responsibilities, both to ourselves as individuals and to our countrymen, here and at home. We are under an international spotlight. The things we do today are very apt to be the things by which the various nationalties in Shanghai judge America and Americans. Therefore, whatever we can and do accomplish as an organization, or as individuals must reflect to the credit of Americans. The opposite is equally true.

"Flag Waving"

"Some of you will call this flag-waving. It is; but not in the sense usually applied to that term. I is because we are Americans, young Americans, that we can do things which must inevitably reflect to our credit. But, as an organization, we can only do this if we have the complete, whole-hearted, 100 per cent. support of every member. We need a 100 per cent. *active* membership. Each and everyone of you must find some way of actively participating in Jaycee work if we are going to continue a successful organization.

"It is, and shall be the purpose of your Directors to guide and assist you in that; but, it is for you to remember that whatever pride you may feel in this organization is yours and yours alone to bolster, or undermine. It is your organization; it can only rise or fall by your efforts. I am sure that each and everyone of your Directors feel this responsibility keenly; I am equally certain that we are all agreed there is only one course for us;—and that, a united, cooperative, forward movement. Whatever the uncertainties of the future, we have today an unique opportunity to profit, each and everyone of us, by this cooperative, forward effort. We owe it to ourselves as Americans and to the American Junior Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, to make 1941 the best year we've had so far.

S.V.C. Member Leaving To Join R.A.F.

Transport Co. Farewell to Driver Lawrence

On Friday evening, February 14, members of No. 1 Platoon of the Transport Company, S.V.C., and their guests sat down to dinner at the S.V.C. Club to say "farewell" and "bon voyage" to their brother-in-arms, Driver Harold H. Lawrence, who is leaving them to join the R.A.F. His elder brother "Sonny", an ex-Platoon Sergeant of No. 1 Platoon, is at the moment a member of the Canadian R.A.F.

The occasion was both sorrowful and joyful. Sorrowful, because the Platoon was losing not only a keen Acting Section Commander, 1st Class Driver and Rifleman, but also a pal. Joyful, because another member of the Platoon will sail across the ocean to "do his stuff."

Driver Lawrence was transferred to the unit in March 1938 from "B" Coy, in which unit he was presented with the 1937 Emergency Medal.

The guests were the Officer Commanding, Capt. J. G. Forbes, the Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s.

After dinner the Chairman, 2/Lieut. H. L. Hill, No. 1 Platoon Commander, asked the O. C. to present to the departing member a small token of appreciation from the members of the Platoon—a silver matchbox engraved with the company crest.

Only U.S. Dollar Cheque Accounts Affected

New Ruling of Local American Banks

U.S. dollar cheque accounts, not local currency accounts, are affected by the new ruling of the National City Bank and the Chase Bank, an official of the former explained to the "North-China Daily News" yesterday. There is no longer any need for foreign currency accounts in this city, he added, since most transactions can be carried on in local dollars at this time. Those with U.S. dollar accounts will have their investments transferred to a savings deposit.

The U.S. dollar accounts were only introduced by the American banks here when local currency was unstable, and merchants and businessmen felt the need of a more substantial unit to facilitate trade. Since then, however, the official explained, this need has been reduced to less than ten per cent. of what it was formerly, and in consequence the banks have decided to withdraw this particular system.

Savings accounts in American currency will not be disturbed by the new ruling, depositors still being able to deposit as before. If it is desired to make payments from these savings accounts a draft is given by the bank on the New York offices, this being regarded as even better than a personal cheque.

New Trade Union to Be Formed Here Shortly

No Change in Labour Situation Noted

Another step towards controlling labour in Shanghai has been made by the Nanking Government, a readjustment committee having been formed with headquarters in Chunghwa Road in Nantao, with its members elected from the various existing Chinese labour organizations in the city.

The establishment of this committee was regarded only as a preparatory measure, the goal being the formation of the Shanghai Trade Union, which despite its name will take on the aspect of a national trade union. This will be formally inaugurated at the end of April, with approximately 800,000 Chinese labourers as a starting membership.

Meanwhile, in wake of the establishment of this Trade Union, the labour situation in city appeared at a standstill yesterday, with no settlement reached in the United Chemical Industries or the tanners' dispute.

Other strikes, however, have been ended, with the employees of Chinese cardboard box factories returning to work this morning. Barbers also have almost all resumed work, with the exception of a small number, who are expected to be back on their jobs soon.

Traffic Offenders Fined

Three violators of traffic regulations were fined by Mr. C. H. Haines, the Registrar, in H.M. Police Court yesterday. The first, Mr. O. Taudien, was fined three shillings or $10.50 for cutting in on traffic on January 18 on Nanking Road near Kweichow Road. He admitted the charge brought by the traffic office of the Municipal Police, who stated that two previous convictions were recorded against him for traffic offences.

A fine of one shilling and six pence was passed on Mr. O. L. Oliphant, second defendant who was absent but wrote in admitting a charge of exceeding the waiting period by one hour for motor cars between 2 to 4 p.m. on January 30, on Kiukiang Road south side east of Szechuen Road.

Mr. W. G. T. Howe, who was also absent, wrote in admitting a charge of allowing his car to wait during prohibited hours between 4.20 to 5 p.m. on January 30 on Kiukiang Road, north side west of Szechuen Road. He was fined one shilling and six pence or $5.25.

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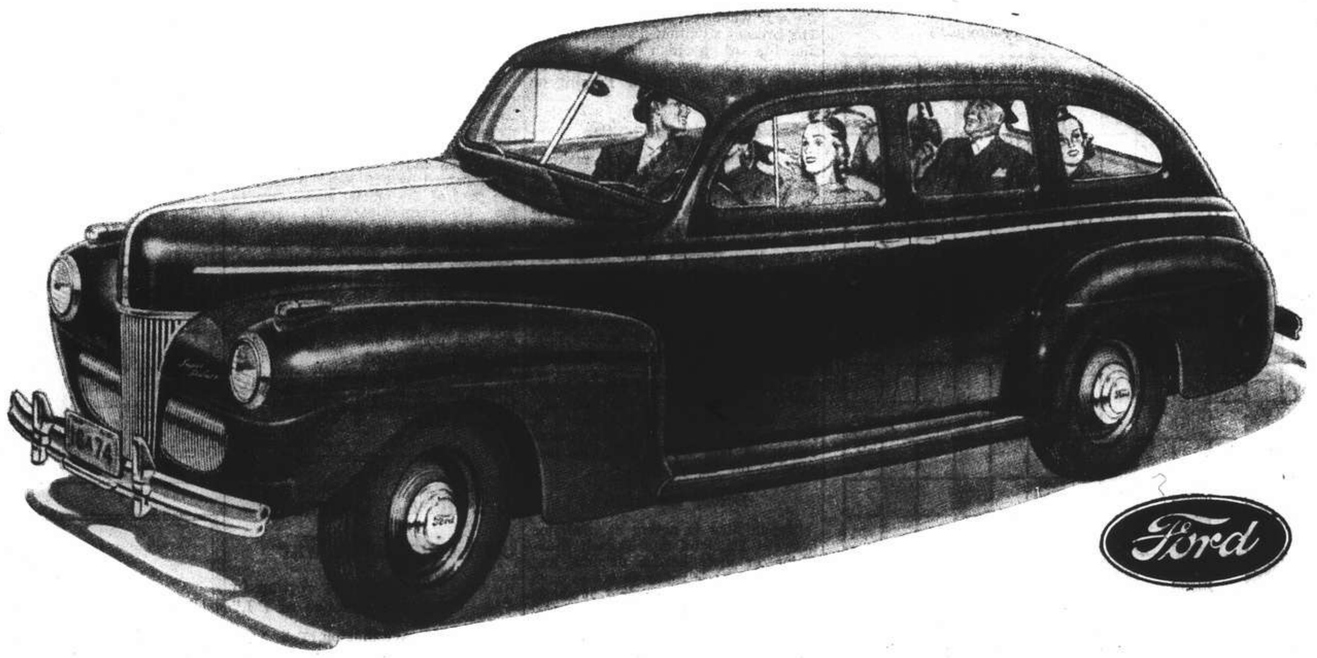

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Raid on Farren's: Who Was Asked for Help?

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I notice in your report of the terrible tragedy at Farren's that Joe Farren rushed to the telephone and asked for help from the Bubbling Well Police, and not from the people who make it possible for him openly to flout all order and decency in his gambling joint that is slowly putting the final touches on an already bankrupt community. I have been informed on good authority that when he got his licence he gave an assurance that the place would not be used as a place for gambling. This should be on record at the S.M.C. It is a great pity to think that thousands of dollars from British pockets, should be going into French, Austrian, and Japanese pockets, instead of to the Central War Fund where it is badly needed. Personally I cannot suggest a remedy, but feel there must be some way of tackling this problem.

CURIOUS

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

Chinese Ivory: What Mr. Kann Did Say

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In the interests of accuracy, which your correspondent S. S. BEATH, writing under date of February 14 in your today's issue, seems so keen upon, I would like to point out that Mr. E. KANN, in his excellent lecture on "Chinese Ivory Carvings" before the members of the Royal Asiatic Society on February 13, made no such statement as that the Chinese did not carve ivory before the Ming Dynasty, as your correspondent says he did. What MR. KANN said in effect was that none of the carved ivory figures which form so popular a feature in Chinese carved ivory date earlier than the Ming Dynasty, and that previous to that period ivory was used in China mainly for utilitarian purposes. How completely mistaken your correspondent is in his understanding of what MR. KANN said is evidenced by a couple of pieces of carved ivory far ante-dating the Ming Dynasty, possibly actually of the Han period, which MR. KANN exhibited and discussed.

MR. KANN also said, amongst other things, that we know that ivory used in China at a very early period since it is recorded that one of the Emperors of the Chou Dynasty used ivory chopsticks in eating his food, showing that the Chinese had a well-advanced culture when our ancestors were still savages, in that the former used chopsticks when the latter were still using fingers. MR. KANN made it very clear that it was not till the Ming period that the Chinese used ivory as a medium of artistic expression, and that previous to this period they mainly employed ivory in making articles of daily use.

As a matter of fact, ivory was extensively used during the Shang Dynasty (1776-1122 B.C.), and many beautifully carved pieces have been excavated from Shang burial sites at Anyang and elsewhere in Honan north of the Yellow River. But, to judge from the pieces themselves, it would appear that in Shang times ivory was used mainly, if not exclusively, in the making of objects for ceremonial and sacrificial purposes, decoratively carved in designs typical of that period. Thus ivory was held sacred in those early days, and this idea was continued into Chou times, so that, when the Emperor dared use ivory chopsticks, it caused great offence to his people and was looked upon as a sacrilegious act.

Incidentally, the "inlaid ivory" of the Shang period, which Bishop White mentions in his book "Tomb Tile Pictures of Ancient China," must not be confused with the ivory inlay in wood as done by the Chinese since the time of the Manchu Emperor Chien Lung. Shang Dynasty inlaid ivory consisted of ivory inlaid with such material as turquoise. Bone also was decorated in this way during that period, and there is a specimen of this in the Shanghai Museum (R.A.S.).

While on the subject of accuracy, I would like to take this opportunity to point out a mistake in my own article on "Astronomical Figures," which appeared in your Sunday's issue. In it I stated that the light from the sun reached the earth in eight seconds. It should, of course, have been eight minutes.

ARTHUR DE C. SOWERBY

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

S.M.C. Finances: Should Cotton Mills be Taxed?

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Much has been written and said about possible new sources of revenue. The tax on animals in the dairies was justified by the statement that as it was only one-half of one per cent. on the turnover of the dairies it was not a serious matter.

Probably the biggest individual line of business in Shanghai is cotton mills. In 1940 they produced in round figures one million bales of yarn and the value of each bale was approximately $1,000. Thus if it were possible to put on this industry a tax of one half of one per cent. of its turnover there would be an income of around five million dollars.

Whether such a tax is legal or could be enforced is a matter for discussion and settlement. As about half the spindles in Shanghai are Japanese-owned, and as the Japanese proposed that fresh taxes be levied instead of an increase in rates on property, I suggest that the Japanese mills come forward with a scheme under which they would voluntarily submit to some form of taxation on output provided that other mills agree.

Your paper of a few days ago carried an interesting report about what the British Municipal Council did in Hankow in 1871. They raised revenue by taxing the Hankow brick tea factories a small amount on each picul produced. So there is a precedent in foreign communities in China for such a tax on turnover.

SHAREHOLDER

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

Armoured Trawlers for India Being Built

Coastal Defence Equipment To Be Strengthened

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

Trawlers of the Bassett Class fitted for minesweeping and anti-submarine work and carrying some anti-aircraft weapons are to be added to India's coastal defence equipment. They are to be paid for from the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund and will cost £52,500 each.

The first three are to be named Travancore, Baroda and Hyderabad, after the States which have contributed generously to the Fund.

Each trawler has a displacement of 461 tons and mounts a four-inch breech-loading gun, with a crew of three officers and 35 men.

Armoured "Carriers," the latest type of armoured vehicle being built in India, are described as a most useful addition to the land equipment. Costing £750 each, they carry a crew of three or four men, a machine-gun, an anti-tank rifle and a wireless set apiece.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 423

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")

ACROSS

1 Sever the anchor rope? (two words—3, 6)
6 Fluid asset to commercial traffic (5)
9 Metal ring for producing various strains (two words—5, 4)
10 Flower makes civil obligations (5)
11 What the large B.A. gave us (7)
12 Not at all hard to see (7)
13 It might be killed by its anagram (3)
14 On top, but put us back at first (7)
17 The start is wrong, but all genuine (7)
19 Alfred wasn't the king who saw this burn (7)
22 This dance won't take you far (7)
24 In hock it's above the general level (3)
25 "The rice" (anag.) (7)
26 Don't put about the "Shop," it's not active for the moment (7)
29 Most people have the sense to detect it (5)
30 It is quite usual to complete a sentence thus (three words—2, 1, 6)
31 Correspond with all in (5)
32 What the crowd has paid to see (two words—4, 5)

DOWN

1 Poisonous horse painter (5)
2 It travels from the bow to 23 down (5)
3 Bad lies come to crock (7)
4 Like a canary, I can put up with time (three words—2, 1, 4)
5 Boring from the outside (7)
6 Vehicle for soldiers in Ireland? (7)
7 Being this can land one 30 across (two words—3, 6)
8 "Leave them alone and they'll come home. . ." (two words—4, 5)
14 His occupation is a secondary one (9)
15 Boxing and cricket contribute to vessel of good cheer (9)
16 Hines could make this into servants of industry (3)
18 In a thing is getting sparser (3)
20 The "sure shield" for us (two words—3, 4)
21 Striking footwork (7)
22 A veteran of the sea (two words—3, 4)
23 It naturally plays a part in sound detection (7)
27 Not a light offence, oddly enough (3)
28 Fish (5)

YDAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 1, Find the lady; 9, Inane; 10, Blackbeetle; 11, Legal; 12, Booty; 15, Beard; 17, Ore; 18, Anti; 19, Flies; 21, Barge; 22, Wrong; 23, Livid; 26, Song; 27, Yes; 28, Heave; 30, Scrag; 33, Noise; 35, Regulations; 36, Sundo; 37, Nightingale. **DOWN**: 2, Igloo; 3, Ducat; 4, Hobo; 5, Liege; 6, Yield; 7, Hanging over; 8, Bell-ringing; 12, Big business; 13, Over-anxious; 14, Yodel; 15, B.E.F.; 16, Roe; 20, Swiss; 24, Ice; 25, Dye; 26, Heron; 29, Vouch; 31, Cling; 32, Annul; 34, Cadi.

BY SAPAJOU

Mr. Michael Brenner

Whose Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings opens on Friday at the Modern Homes

Japan Prepared to Mediate In Present Conflict

Information Board Spokesman Says Recovery Of Normal Conditions in the World Wanted

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

JAPAN is ready to act as mediator or "to take whatever action calculated to recover normal relations, not only in East Asia but anywhere in the world," Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Information Board, announced in a statement to foreign correspondents today.

Japan was surprised by reports of alleged tension in East Asia, Mr. Ishii said, declaring that "we want to emphasize so far as we can see, there is no ground for entertaining alarming views on the East Asiatic situation."

"We are utterly unable to see any good purpose served by prolonging the war whatever the motive may be," the deputy spokesman added. "We want to make clear" Japan's readiness to mediate, Mr. Ishii emphasized.

The statement read: "Various alarming reports here reached Japan purporting to give the impression that the situation in East Asia has become radically tense.

"We are surprised to learn that some foreign countries felt undue concern regarding alleged tension in the situation in East Asia, and we want to emphasize that so far as we can see, there is no ground for entertaining an alarming view on the East Asiatic situation.

"We want to report that the purpose of the Tripartite Pact is peaceful. We cannot help feeling, therefore, a certain amount of anxiety if not misgivings as to the warlike preparations of the British and American Governments to meet supposed contingencies in the Pacific and the South Seas.

Misgivings

"Press reports concerning these movements on the part of Britain and the United States originating from British and American sources and elsewhere, are causing increasing misgivings. This has resulted in the contention advanced in some quarters in Japan that Japan should lose no time to take necessary steps to meet the worst eventuality in these regions.

"If the American Government could only be persuaded to restrict its activities in this respect to the western hemisphere and avoid causing anxiety unnecessarily in the minds of the Japanese people, the situation will be indeed greatly mitigated.

"We are utterly unable to see any good purpose served by prolonging the war whatever the motive may be. The present situation demands statesmanship of a high order. Such statesmanship, we trust, will not be wanting in the British Empire or elsewhere.

Great Responsibilities

"In concluding, we want to make it clear that Japan is fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action calculated to recover normal conditions not only in Greater East Asia but anywhere in the world.

"Leading Powers have great responsibilities in restoring world peace and civilization.

"Such responsibilities can only be fulfilled if wise and generous statesmanship is willing to listen to others' claims and contentions," concluded the statement.

Asked if Japan would take the initiative in mediating in the European war, Mr. Ishii replied "Certainly, if Japan was invited by the powers concerned and if the situation was suitable for the purpose.

Border Mediation

"Japan now is acting as mediator between Thailand and French Indo-China in their border dispute, and therefore, she is ready to act as such in other parts of the world, if she is invited by the Powers concerned," Mr. Ishii added.

Referring to the recent call made by Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, a German correspondent asked if Sir Robert had requested Japan's mediation.

Mr. Ishii replied that the British envoy did not ask for mediation, and declined to divulge contents of the conversation between the two.

Asked to give a specific incident in connection with Anglo-American war preparations in the Pacific and the South Seas, Mr. Ishii gave as examples British troop concentrations in Malaya and the projected fortification of Samoa.

Questioned regarding the Tokyo conference, Mr. Ishii replied that the talks were progressing smoothly, adding that "private conversations were being held among the delegates of Japan, France, and Thailand almost daily."

He said he was not at liberty to divulge details of the negotiations.

The deputy spokesman also said that the economic talks at Tokyo between Japan and France, with regard to French Indo-China, were going on smoothly.—Domei

Japanese Believe Tension Easing

Mr. Shigemitsu Reported To Have Allayed British Fears Over Pacific

London, Feb. 18.

Japanese diplomats today described the Anglo-Japanese tension as having noticeably eased after Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to London, had conferred with Mr. Richard A. Butler, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, yesterday afternoon.

They conferred for one hour at the British Foreign Office. Japanese diplomats believed that the conversation had given Mr. Butler an opportunity to renew expressions of British anxiety regarding the Japanese southward expansion.

The talks, they added, also gave Mr. Shigemitsu a chance to assure Britain that Japan's present policy was not directed against Britain.

Sir Robert L. Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, was reported here to have emphasized Britain's concern regarding Japanese movements in the south and Japan's current policy when he talked with Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, last Saturday at Tokyo.—United Press.

Crisis Postponed

Washington, Feb. 18.

The influential "Washington Star" last night said that the Far Eastern climax again had apparently been postponed.

The journal, however, added that the crisis itself still persists "because of the basic clash of interests between Japan and the Western Powers."

The "Star" said that the latest phase of the long drawn out crisis in the Far East displays a familiar pattern.

"For months we have seen periodic aggressive moves by Japan, usually accompanied by bellicose language on the part of the official spokesman in the Government-controlled press," the "Star" said in its editorial.

"When the threatened Powers, America, Britain and the Netherlands East Indies, have countered by protective measures, the Japanese Government issued reassuring statements and slowed down the tempo of its forward policy, but the policy has not been abandoned.

"Never is there retreat; always a temporary pause has been followed by fresh aggression and provocation."—United Press.

Mr. McNutt Comments On China-Japan War

"Preliminary Action in Outer Defence of P.I."

Washington, Feb. 18.

The Sino-Japanese war has become a "preliminary action" in outer defence of the Philippines, Mr. Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, said in a radio broadcast last night.

Mr. McNutt said that because of the nature of the conflict a Chinese victory was "inseparable from our hope for peace." He urged additional economic aid to China in order to strengthen America's own outer defences.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., and Mr. William Henry Chamberlain, well-known writer, also spoke on the radio programme, which was sponsored by the American Forum of the Air.

Mr. McNutt indicated that it was regrettable that the Philippines were not fortified at present.

Colonel Roosevelt asked the Administration to clarify its Far Eastern policies, while Mr. Chamberlain said, "I do not believe America's material interests in the Orient are worth defending at the price of war or even that they can be defended that way."—United Press.

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Quezon Willing to Run Again

P. I. President Will Not Spurn People's Mandate; Resolution Drafted

Manila, Feb. 18.

President Manuel Quezon told a group of provincial governors yesterday he would run again for re-election provided Sr. Sergio Osmena, Vice-President, again would be his running mate.

Earlier the Governors' convention had prepared a "draft Quezon" resolution which, it was understood, was approved unanimously.

The Governors called on President Quezon for consultation regarding the next Commonwealth presidential elections and President Quezon replied that if the people demanded his services he could not spurn their mandate.

The Governors drafted their resolution after hearing a speech by Sr. Osmena urging President Quezon's re-election "because he is a symbol of progress and unity."

Sr. Osmena said President Quezon's "statesmanship has reached full maturity by a process of development extending through more than a generation of epoch making history."

Sr. Rafael Alunan, Secretary of the Interior, also urged President Quezon's re-election and urged the Governors to draft him if necessary.

Both Sr. Osmena and Sr. Alunan said they spoke without President Quezon's knowledge or consent.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

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From Hongkong:—The "China Mail" mentions that the battalion of Marines who have been so much talked of, have at last arrived, in H.M.S. Juno, under command of Colonel Richards. The paper says a large fire occurred in Canton city on the 9th instant. It is said that Mr. Robertson, H.M. Consul at Canton, intends soon to go Home on leave.

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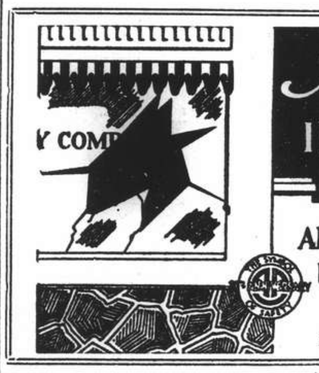

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SENATE DEBATE

While the debate in the U.S. Senate clearly indicates the great likelihood of the Lend and Lease Bill being enacted without any serious modifications, the speeches of the various senators who have participated should prove of interest to all supporters of the principles of democracy. Indeed the sentiments which have been expressed go further than anything which was said in the House of Representatives and it would seem that the isolationists are doing no more than singing their swan song. When the change which has come over public opinion in the United States is considered, it is indeed remarkable that it has taken place with such rapidity and force. A year ago the United States in the main were highly critical of the whole war, and while there was a degree of sympathy with the allies it was at the time purely academic. German high powered propaganda was being directed to prevent the growth of that sympathy, and that it failed was due, firstly, to the habitual manner in which the Germans manage to overreach themselves, and, secondly, to the realization after the fall of France of the peril which would menace the United States should Britain be beaten.

The U.S. presidential election was fought between the two great parties on identical lines so far as the war was concerned. The Democrats had pledged themselves to extend all possible aid to Britain and her Allies short of going to war. Public opinion in the United States, when that announcement was made, was such that the Republicans could not have adopted a different line, for it was by that time realized that Britain, and her Allies were in fact a rampart against the aggressive Powers, and that if by any chance the latter were to emerge victorious from this struggle the United States would have to face the same enemies singlehanded. Thus the forces of sentiment were strengthened by a realization that the interests of the United States were threatened in this war, and that that menace could only be destroyed by a final victory for Great Britain and those with her.

There is plenty of support in the United States for the belief that the people were prepared to go further if it were found in the event that the aid, which the Lend and Lease Bill is designed to give, did not prove sufficient. Senator Pepper was voicing the view of the masses when he declared "The American people will not allow England to fall—call it war or no war. Put this down as a promise: America will not let England fall." President Roosevelt's declaration that even if the United States were engaged in a war in the Pacific it would not interfere with the flow of war material to Great Britain, and the intention of the majority of the Senate appears to be that this opinion shall be proved correct. It follows then that the attempts of German intrigue to involve the United States in a struggle with Japan, for the purpose of preventing the shipment of war supplies to Britain has already failed, and that a war in the Pacific is superfluous even from a German point of view.

That does not however diminish the fact that during the next few months world affairs will undoubtedly reach a crisis. Until the enormous war industrial machine which the United States are constructing gets into full production, there will be an interval during which Hitler may confidently be expected to do his utmost to force the issue. The only question outstanding then is whether the great assistance which the U.S. Legislature is planning will be at Britain's disposal in time. The aid which is already forthcoming is great and confidently expected to be sufficient to enable Britain and her Allies to withstand and beat off the German onslaughts. The next few months may indeed be difficult, but, when they have been endured, and beaten back, the tools will be ready with which Great Britain and those with her will be able ultimately to administer the defeat which Hitler, by his conduct, so richly deserves.

RUMANIA'S FATE

Now that the German military penetration of Rumania has become undisguised occupation, it is interesting to see how the Hitlerian doctrine of securing entrance into a country by force or fraud has been carried out in this particular case. For that purpose it is not necessary to go further back than the beginning of December last when, it will be remembered, Germany and Rumania signed a 10-year pact for economic reconstruction of the latter. The agreement resulted from talks which General Antonescu, the Rumanian Conducator, had with German officials when he was summoned to Berlin to sign his country's adherence to the Three Power Pact. According to "The Times" the preamble to the agreement stated that the Rumanian Government applied to the German Government for their support and co-operation, and that the German Government declared themselves willing to grant technical and financial support in all fields of economic life for the restoration of Rumania. It is probably nearer the truth to state that Rumania, if she ever made any such application, was constrained to do so by German pressure, for her entry into the tripartite pact meant that she came completely under German domination, and that this preamble is merely a piece of the usual window dressing.

The provisions of the 10-year pact are interesting, and the following is a summary published by "The Times":—

Under the agreement, as announced, Germany will grant comprehensive long-term credits to Rumania. The existing co-operation for intensifying and raising production in agriculture and forestry will be continued, and Germany will provide equipment and machinery necessary for the development of Rumanian agriculture, as well as the capital needed for the draining of marshland and other irrigation.

"With a view to the systematic promotion of industrial production in the framework of the new economic order in Europe, Germany, in accordance with the 10-year plan, will place her technical and financial aid at Rumania's disposal." Under the plan Rumania will develop and extend her means of communication—railways, roads, and pipelines—to her "natural economic markets within the framework of the new European order." Germany will provide supplies to carry out this plan.

Germany declares herself willing, in addition to giving long-term credits, to place capital at Rumania's disposal for the development of Rumanian industry and the bank and credit system on the basis of private economic co-operation, and to provide agricultural, industrial, and other experts "in accordance with Rumania's wishes."

"Both Governments will pay due regard, in their political and trade relations with each other, to assuring that Rumanian products are disposed of on the German market at fixed prices independent of economic crises, and that the importance of the Rumanian market for German trade will be increased.

"Both Governments note with satisfaction that German-Rumanian co-operation has already begun in all fields. They are determined to assure the fruitful continuation of this co-operation in the interests of both peoples."

It will be seen that the whole Rumanian economic scheme is to be based upon the premise that all Rumanian trade shall centre upon German requirements, and that she shall fill her own needs in the German markets at prices having no relation to real values but to what Germany thinks they should be. Thus the whole economy of the country is just as clearly subordinated to the convenience of the Germans, as its territory and people are now bound in the shackles which Hitler has succeeded in placing upon them so painlessly. Forced to surrender parts of its territory to Hungary, Bulgaria, and Russia by the German insistence upon the preservation of peace in the Balkans, Rumania has been reduced to the status of an economic, military, and political appanage of the Reich and has as much independence as has, say, Holland. In the meantime the Rumanians are suffering the depredations of the soldiery who are purchasing everything available with the worthless German marks, with which other countries under occupation have been plundered. They have been reduced to the common bond of misery to which occupied Europe has been reduced. They have been as completely enslaved as if they had been defeated after a resistance such as that which Poland offered, and they, and their resources are being milked dry in precisely the same manner as countries further to the north. Bulgaria is in a fair way to following suit. Penetration is already in progress, and it may be confidently asserted that even if they wished to do so, the Bulgarian Government is now in no position to resist. The visits of Yugoslav ministers to Germany suggests that the same process is about to be applied to them, and the Balkan states, if Yugoslavia falls into line, will see again repeated the process of permanent spoliation for Germany's immediate benefit.

Bulgaria and Turkey

The conclusion of a non-aggression agreement between Bulgaria and Turkey is of doubtful significance in relation to the problems of Germany, Italy, Britain, and Greece. In Rome and Berlin the agreement is being hailed as another triumph of Axis diplomacy. If that is true, then it may well prove to be a triumph as ephemeral as most of the pacts engineered by the Axis; hailed today as the mark of a new epoch, and torn up tomorrow as being a barrier to Hitler's "new order." It is comforting to note that the agreement has not disturbed official circles in London, to whom it cannot have come as a surprise. While Bulgarian and Turkish officials were discussing this agreement, the Turkish and British General Staffs were in conference in Ankara. This coincidence cannot have been lost on the Nazis. Though Berlin and Rome spokesmen may declare that they are pleased with the new agreement and that they consider it is a feather in their cap, they are doubtless wondering what decisions were come to in the staff talks in Ankara, and whether Great Britain may not, after all, be taking a leaf out of their own book, and be preparing another unpleasant surprise. It is, however, too early to engage in more than guesswork in this connection. It is beyond doubt, however, that since the beginning of this year, the Axis have been engaged in one of their usual diplomatic offensives in the Balkans—offensives which have been greatly weakened by the defeats which have been suffered by Italy, the partner in the Axis which should have been most powerful in any moves in that part of Europe. Axis emphasis on the unimportance of the Italian defeats is in itself enough to prove that the Axis is seriously concerned over them. The part to be played by Yugoslavia in the forthcoming moves in the Balkans is as yet uncertain. Nazi pressure has been directly brought to bear on Belgrade since the beginning of January when the Yugoslavian government dissolved the trades unions in response to Nazi demands. Though Yugoslavia is primarily an agricultural and therefore unvocal country, there has in recent years been a growth in industry which has been accompanied by the formation of unions which were controlled by the government, and, therefore, did not have the same standing as trades unions in democratic countries. The trades unions nevertheless represented the more radical elements in the country, and were subject to influence from Moscow. They, like the majority of Yugoslavians, were opposed to Nazism and, if anything, were inclined to favour Soviet Russia. The sympathies of the Yugoslavians have been traditionally with Russia, the champion of the Slav peoples, and this tendency of the trades unions might, therefore, have been a serious stumbling block to Nazi plans in the country had the trades unions been permitted to exist. It can, therefore, be taken as a measure of Nazi power in the Balkans that they were able to force the Belgrade government, which dislikes Nazi principles and fears Nazi force, to order the unions to be dissolved. It may also be a pointer to Soviet weakness—or guile—that Russia had nothing to say when the unions were dissolved. The points of view of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are different in every respect except one; that neither nation can stand up successfully for any length of time against the full might of Germany. In other respects they are radically opposed. Yugoslavia benefitted from the victory of the Allies in the last war; Bulgaria was defeated and suffered the results of defeat. In attempting to estimate the reactions of either nation today, however, the former consideration is the more important—the Nazis are extremely strong.

STRAY NOTES

Feb. 16.—A cold and gloomy morning brought me the momentary excitement of an unknown bird flying out of a tree with an equally unknown cry which mature reflection classified as a squawk. A second and third observation of the bird still left me puzzled, but as I have met with "traps" of this nature before, I soon had it identified as a Paroquet—an escaped cage-bird, of course, but very strong on the wing and looking quite at home in the country: the colours did not show up in the dull light, but the heavy curved bill and the long narrow tail put the identification beyond question, and I needed little prompting to the thought that there actually are wild Paroquets in China: La Touche describes four of them and points out that they all come from South China, though one of them, the Upper Yangtsze Paroquet is really a West China bird. This Paroquet (*Psittacula derbyana*) is the first bird described in David & Oustalet's "Oiseaux de la Chine" and the coloured plate shows a handsome creature with a red bill, green body and wings, and a pale violet breast: Père David says that the Chinese catch it by setting horsehair snares in the walnut trees where the birds resort in search of the nuts. Another Paroquet, the Eastern Rose-ringed, breeds regularly at Hongkong, which raises the interesting point as to how the birds got there; for Hongkong was a bare rocky island before the British took it over, and all such beautiful birds must have gone there as immigrants to enjoy the magnificent woods provided by an energetic Forestry Department. Thinking over my experience this morning it seems possible that many Paroquets breeding in a wild state in China may well be escaped cage-birds, if they happened to escape in a suitable part of the country. But I doubt if the bird I saw today could survive in this area, and I hope the owner will advertize for it... "Lost in the Hungjao area, green Paroquet answering (rudely) to the name of Nipper" or something of that sort.—E.S.W.

P.G. WODEHOUSE INTERNED

Writing Book About American Crooks

P. G. Wodehouse, the imperturbable creator of the unexampled Jeeves, is cheerfully writing a book about American crooks these days in a German civilian internment camp, states the "Christian Science Monitor." The English author's companions in confinement are truck drivers, coal heavers, Cambridge graduates, artists, some of His Majesty's consuls—an assortment of Britons picked up by the Nazis all the way from Brest Litovsk, in Poland, to the English Channel and from Kirkenes, in Norway, to the Brenner Pass.

Mr. Wodehouse was arrested in occupied France, at his villa in Le Touquet, on the channel, during the German offensive last May.

The visit to the Silesian camp where he and 1,100 other British subjects are now held inside double barbed-wire fences was the result of long argument with German officialdom, which finally gave its permission. The Associated Press correspondent found him concerned with his new novel. He said he was thinking of calling it "Money for Jam," and when he was told that the phrase wouldn't mean anything to a middle western American he exclaimed: "That's what I was afraid of. What it means is money for nothing, or easy pickings."

The camp commander, a little Saxon colonel, had ordered the novelist brought to his office for the interview. Wodehouse came in smiling; pulled a battered old cap from his shining head, stretched out a hand and said: "Well, my, my! It's certainly grand of you to come down to see me."

He was wearing a long, heavy tan bathrobe held together with a leather belt; a blue turtleneck sweater; a tweed sports jacket, trousers, and a pair of knit gloves. He carried a three-inch stack of paper—for the new book.

His eyes twinkled as he told of the months during which he had to report every morning at 9 o'clock to the German police. In July he was sent along with other British prisoners to Loos, and there, he said, they had their worst experience, as they were turned over to the French police, who treated them as criminals and allowed them only one hour in 24 outside a cell. But "the German commander came to inspect," the author related, "and went through that place like an east wind."

Transferred to Belgian Camp

Shortly the prisoners—Wodehouse and his oddly assorted companions—were transferred to Belgium and from there to the present camp, a group of red brick buildings with barred windows.

Asked about his daily schedule, Mr. Wodehouse laughed and said, looking at the camp commander:

"Well, am I allowed to tell him....?"

"Sure, why not?" the English-speaking officer replied.

The prisoners, Mr. Wodehouse then said, have reveille at 6 a.m., dress and wash, have breakfast and then roll call at 9 a.m. After that they have a chance to see the doctor, and are free to pursue their chosen activities until lunch time, since as civilians they are not required to do manual labour. The 1,100 men eat in three shifts in a dining hall.

"Immediately after roll call I go over to 'the White House,' our amusement and concert hall," Mr. Wodehouse said, "to do some more work on the book which I started here. It's about three American crooks who appeared in one of my other books, and the scene, as usual, is laid in England. This is the first time in 35 years that I've written a book in longhand. Oh, but now," the writer recalled, "even that's stopped, as the commandant has been kind enough to lend me his typewriter."

Mr. Wodehouse who obviously struck the right note with his German captors by his gracious bearing and cordiality, endeared himself even more when he refused to accept special housing privileges. The commandant, in view of Mr. Wodehouse's position in the world and the work he is doing, offered to remove him from a room with 60 other internees and place him in a private room. Mr Wodehouse refused, saying he would stay with the others. He has taken advantage of a single room in the amusement centre, where he writes undisturbed each morning and afternoon.

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"All the better to run away on, my dear."

"Of course, when Italians talk about their crack troops, they mean something entirely different."

"My husband says he's terrified that Mussolini might want to come in on our side."

"We could never hope to win then."

"Darling, it wasn't a bomb at all. It was a gun."

"Then I suppose it was a gun that blew down the greengrocer's shop?"

"My husband says it's ear plugs for the lower classes and alcohol for the gentry."

"Brenda's making a pest of herself organizing shelter games."

"That was a bomb."

"No it wasn't. It was a gun."

"But, darling, I heard it coming down."

"My husband says if the Americans declared war now they could end the whole business without firing a shot."

"The Italians wouldn't wait for them to load."

"I wonder what that miserable little Mussolini's going to do next?"

"I expect he's wondering what we're going to do."

"Never underestimate your enemy, darling."

"You couldn't underestimate a pop-eyed little squirt like Mussolini."

"My husband says they'll probably use the Home Guard to invade Italy."

"If we got enough air bases in Albania we could bomb Rome day and night."

"A week of that would put Italy right out of the war."

(Whee-ee-ee-ee-ee. Womp).

"I suppose you'll say that was a gun?"

"Before I heard the womp I thought it was the wind."

"Every time the sirens go Margaret's stomach turns over and over."

"My husband says people are healthier now because they can't eat too much."

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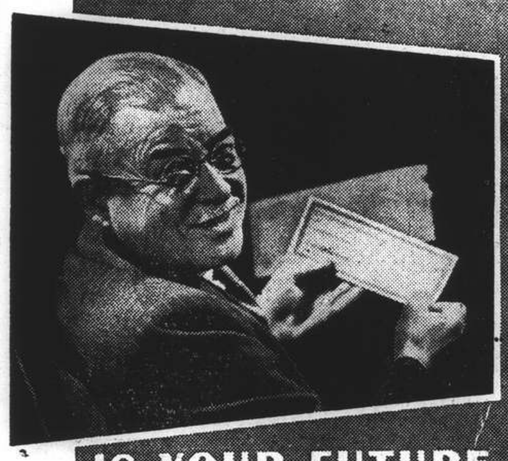
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Joe Louis Flattens Dorazio In the Second Round

Only Four and a Half Minutes of Actual Fighting; Dorazio Knocked Cold by Terrific Right to Chin

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.

FOR the third time in as many months, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, last night retained his title, taking only two rounds to knock Gus Dorazio out.

It took the Brown Bomber only four and one-half minutes of actual fighting time to crush his foe and walk out of the ring US$20,000 richer.

A terrific right to the chin knocked out Dorazio so badly that the challenger didn't know what happened when he came to. The blow was probably the most vicious ever landed by Louis. It was so deadly and stunned Dorazio so quickly that the challenger said he actually didn't know that he had been hit.

The Brown Bomber walked out of the ring without a drop of perspiration on him. It was the fourteenth time that he had successfully defended his title.

Dorazio Tears Into Louis

Despite the murderous attack of Louis and the quick finish of the bout, the crowd of slightly more than 16,000 gave Dorazio a grand ovation. The latter showed the greatest courage while he lasted, tearing into the champion in such rip-roaring fashion that he fought Louis to even terms in the opening round. He was still bobbing and weaving and tearing in when he was stopped cold by the deadly right in the second round.

The spectators came to see a longer fight since reports had it that Louis was weakening, but the terrific force behind his blows proved the reports erroneous.

Louis weighing 203½ pounds, was in perfect form and displayed great confidence. When he opened up in the second round there was no doubt that the bout would never last fifteen rounds. Dorazio, ninth ranking heavyweight, tipped the scales at 193½ pounds, and attempted to set the pace. But his courage proved his undoing. He left himself too open and Louis, with his perfectly time blows, did not allow the opportunity to slip through his fingers.

Champion's Explosive Right

As the challenger threw lightning punches at Louis, the Brown Bomber revealed remarkably quick slipping. Dorazio followed up in the second round, throwing a stream of blows at Louis, but without hurting Louis. He lashed out with a terrific left, which Louis slipped and retaliated with several lefts to the forehead.

The challenger visibly felt the force of the short, hard lefts, for he slowed up for a second. And before he could recover, Louis uncorked his explosive right to the chin and Dorazio went down and was counted out. Dorazio was knocked out cold. He did not attempt to rise, for he was absolutely unconscious. When he was revived, he was still dizzy. His first question was, "What happened? I did not know that I was hit."

Louis, in his dressing room, told sports writers that "Dorazio was a darned good fighter. He just happened to get caught quicker than most others. Burman gave me a tougher fight, but I never hit him a smack like I did Dorazio. I guess tonight's punch was about as hard as I hit Paulino that time."

Louis referred to his bout with Paulino Uzcudun in New York on December 13, 1935, when he flattened the big Spaniard with what many sports scribes described as the hardest blow delivered in ring history.

The attendance broke the Philadelphia indoor record, for more than 16,000 jammed the Convention Hall. The gross gate was U.S. $57,552, with 15,902 persons paying admission.

Louis in December stopped Al McCoy in six rounds, and knocked out Clarence "Red" Burman last month in the fifth round.—United Press.

Shanghai Jockeys Do Well in Colony

Hongkong Feb. 18.

Shanghai riders were prominent in the second day of the Hongkong Race Meeting, run today. Mr. Francis Noodt was the winner in the first race of the day, and was placed three times, while Mr. Moller won two races and was placed twice.

Both riders were placed in the Hongkong Derby, which was won by Mr. T. K. L.'s Oolong, with Needa up, in the time of 3 minutes 2 seconds. The Austral Derby was won by Mr. Lan's Distant View, with Pih up. Complete results and times follow:

Second Day

1.—Perth Plate. Half a mile (First section)
Mr. Cire's Moonlight (Noodt) 1
Mr. Culture's Bona Vacentia (Sokoloff) 2
Mr. S. K.'s Fresh Air (Up Kui-ying) 3
Time: 51¼ secs.

2.—Foochow Cup. 1¼ miles.
Mr. Cire's Navylight (Moller) 1
Mr. Eve's Eve of Harvest (Davis) .. 2
Mr. T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay (Needa) 3
Time: 2 mins. 25½ secs.

3.—Austral Black Rock Stakes. About one mile 171 yards.
Mr. Eu Tong Sen's Fleetwing (Poy).. 1
Mr. Cire's Starlight (Moller) 2
Mr. Lan's Mountain View (Pih) 3
Time: 2 mins. 00⅘ secs.

4.—Governor's Cup. One mile.
Mr. Necan's United Express (Ip Kui Ying) 1
Mr. Wai Shiu Pak's Tien Tien (Sung) 2
Mr. Bridge's Casino (Tang Man-wa) 3
Time: 1 min. 52 secs.

5.—Gymkhana Handicap. One mile.
Mr. Li Po-Chun's Conquering Time (Moller) .....D.H. 1
Mr. Eve's Eve of Reason (Davis) D.H. 1
Mr. Marber 1, Hughber (Chang).... 3
Time: 1 min. 58⅘ secs.

6.—Hongkong Derby. 1½ miles.
Mr. T. K. Lo's Oolong (Needa) 1
Mr. Cire's Velvetlight (Moller) 2
Mr. Cire's Lovelylight (Noodt) 3
Time: 3 mins. 02 secs.

7.—Garrison Cup. About one mile 171 yd.
Mr. Hollandia's Dutch Treat (Botelho) 1
Mr. C. H.'s Black Seal (Chao) 2
Mr. C. H. Chan's Bugle (Wei) 3
Time: 2 mins.

8.—Austral Derby. 1½ miles.
Mr. Lan's Distant View (Pih) 1
Mr. T. K. L.'s Oracle (Needa) 2
Mr. P. and L.'s First Love (Liang) 3
Time: 2 mins. 54 secs.

9.—Perth Plate. Half a mile.
Mr. P. M. Hoo's Bendemeer (Needa) 1
Mr. G. A. Harriman's Royal Sovereign (Noodt) 2
Mr. C. N. K.'s Newborn Star (Craven) 3
Time: 54⅘ secs.

10.—Lusitano Cup. 1¼ miles
Mr. C. C. F.'s Santa Anita (Liang) 1
Mr. Dynasty's Kings Flight (Needa) 2
Mr. L. W. S.'s Corsair (Botelho) 3
Time: 2 mins. 30⅘ secs.

11.—Amoy Handicap. 6 furlongs.
Mr. Eve's Eve of Peace (Wood) 1
King Bros.' Lovely Star (Fung) 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve (Fielden) 3
Time: 1 min. 24⅘ secs.

12.—Wakool Handicap. One mile.
Mr. Kia Ora's Many Thanks (Hearne) 1
Mr. G. Tinson's Vixen Tor (Noodt) 2
Mr. T. L.'s Pumpernickel (Tao) 3
Time: 1 min. 56 secs.

P.T.H. Soccer Team

The following have been selected to represent the P.T.H. 1st XI v. the Police in the semi-final of the Skottowe Cup on Saturday at R.G.2 commencing at 2.30 p.m.:

V. Schneierson, T. Katemopoulos, A. Logan, A. Griffiths, J. Leriou, E. Caro, L. Dobrenky, E. Kidby, H. Cochran, E. Tivoniuk. F. Tingle. Reserves: G. Nesvadba, E. Passikides.

The above players are also requested to turn out for a friendly match against Lusitano tomorrow at R.G.2. during the tiffin interval.

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Carson Wins First Round of Singles

Manila, Feb. 18.

Lew Carson, Shanghai tennis champion, entered the second round of the Philippine International singles tournament this evening by easily eliminating youthful Zosimo Calixto, 6-1 and 7-5.

Carson dominated the play throughout and the result was never in doubt.

Calixto, promising Far Eastern University star, played an inspired game and extended the Shanghai champion in the second set, but he lacked enough experience and polish to carry through his rally.—United Press.

Ten Pin League Standings

"A" Division

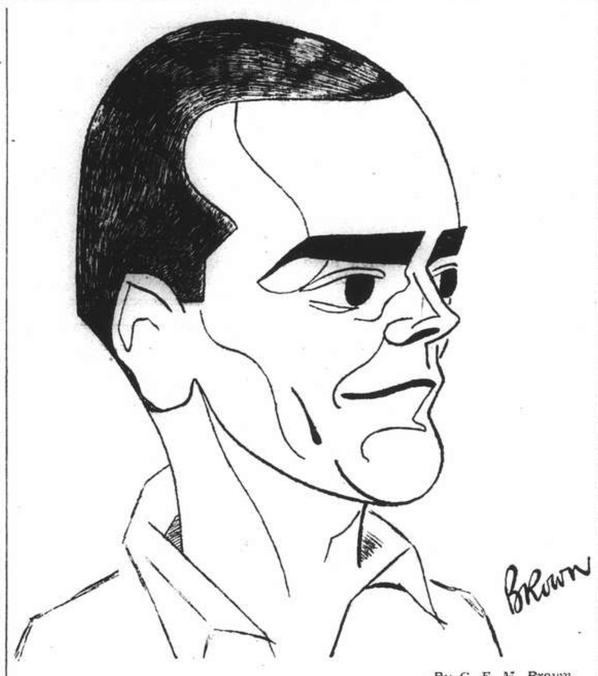
	W.	L.	Pct.
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	15	3	.833
S'hai Race Club	9	6	.600
American Club	10	8	.555
U.S.M.C.	7	8	.467
Columbia C.C.	1	17	.056

"B"—Maple

C.C.C. Bears	19	2	.905
Marine Officers	14	7	.667
"Y" Luckies	10	11	.476
S. Race Club	9	12	.429
American Club	7	14	.333
U.S.M.C. Reds	4	17	.191

"B"—Pine

U.S.M.C. Greens	15	6	.714
"Y" Flukes	14	7	.667
U.S.M.C. Blues	11	10	.524
Swiss Club	10	11	.476
U.S.M.C. Whites	8	13	.381
C.C.C. Bulls	5	16	.238



By C. E. M. Brown.

Sports Personalities No. 2: A. G. Meise

Badminton

A Champion with an Outstanding Record

BADMINTON earns second place in the series entirely on the strength of the amazing record of its champion, A. G. Meise. For sheer individual brilliance this athlete eclipses all the other champions in this city and has ensured for himself a special recognition in the sport that will live for all time.

For 18 long years Meise has held the spotlight in this particular pastime without a single break. Starting way back in 1923, he has participated in every one of the Interport series since their inauguration, playing against Hongkong, Tientsin and Chinkiang. In the last contest, held in 1937, he captained the local team to a convincing triumph of ten games to six at Tientsin.

Meise really came into his own with the start of the local Championships, which came into being with the formation of the Shanghai Badminton Association in 1930. From then onwards, he has been in the final every single time without exception, winning on eight occasions and losing twice—to P. H. Spagnoletti in 1936 and to H. Eardley in 1939. Apart from this, he has won the Men's Doubles six times and the Mixed Doubles five times.

This power of his of adapting himself equally well to the Doubles as well as the Singles game is, perhaps, his most amazing attribute. It is a quality that is extremely rare in any other champion.

The next most remarkable feature of his play is his wonderful consistency. Age does not seem to impair his game in the slightest, and on the two occasions when he lost the Singles crown it is significant that he was giving away an age handicap of eighteen years. Those two defeats may best be explained by the old phrase, "Youth will be served."

Records Go By the Board As Pine Leaders Drop

Inspired Play in All Divisions of City Ten Pin Series; Imcas Seal Senior Loop Championship

THE features of last night's performances in the City Ten Pin League series were the exceptional kegling in all Divisions, a new high single mark by Taylor of the Marines, the shattering of present records with a change of leadership in the Pine Section and the shutout victory of the Imcas thereby sealing the Senior loop championship.

Several 600-marks studded the returns in the "A" Division as the Foreign "Y" trounced the Columbia Country Club 3-0 and the Marines edged out the American Club quintette on the odd game. Kohnert for the Imcas flashed his old-time form and annexed the high triple honours of the day with Taylor credited with a new single tally of 244.

In the Maple Section, the American Club jumped out of the cellar berth position by virtue of their 3-0 victory over the Marine Reds. Despite dropping a couple of valuable points in their match with the Race Club the Marine Officers are pretty well set for the runner-up position. Dobrenky and Squires were the high guns in this division with tallies of 215 and 560 respectively.

The race in the Pine Section is an open issue. By dropping two games to the Swiss Club, the "Y" Flukes relinquished their top position to the Marine Greens who overwhelmed the Whites in three straight games to give them the lead by one point. In this section the trundlers were in top-form as they smashed all of the existing season's records. Gorman and George crashed out singles of 223 and 228 respectively, while Long bagged the triple with a score of 602. The team single and triple honours went to the Marine Blues who ran off with a 2-1 win over the Columbian Bulls.

The scores follow:—

"A" Division

Y.M.C.A. 3		Columbia C.C. 0	
Kohnert	629	Hale	539
Krause	475	Laidlaw	442
Cochran	508	Fielden	433
Gonsalves	473	Hilden	524
Butler	561	Squires	501
	2,646		2,434
U.S.M.C. 2		American Club 1	
Roles	438	Elliott	463
Taylor	609	Lurton	526
Augustyn	560	Klovekorn	511
Krencicki	450	Quinn	511
Dolinsek	622	Gray, Jr.	497
	2,679		2,503

"B"—Pine

U.S.M.C. Blues 2		C.C.C. Bulls 1	
Black	518	Janszen	445
Mudry	540	Perry	474
Forsyth	492	Mayger	477
Janacek	504	Gorman	540
Harrison	492	Schilling	466
	2,546		2,402
Swiss Club 2		"Y" Flukes 1	
Eisenhut	568	Ladd	469
Kengelbacher	502	Taylor	483
Mottu	440	Lorenzen	477
Bolliger	490	Willis	534
Schmid	457	Gallop	509
	2,457		2,472
U.S.M.C. Whites 0		U.S.M.C. Greens 3	
		Long	602
Leader	414	McGinley	453
George	553	Deerfield	133
Smith	437	Stortz	469
McLean	423	McMahon	518
Burt	384	Nicolai	302
	2,216		2,477

"B"—Maple

S. Race Club 2		Marine Officers 1	
Watton	337		
Ward	467	LeClaire	548
Parry	519	Pickup	445
Brisk	448	Freeny	437
Cooper	321	Bennett	426
Xavier	299	Uhlinger	512
	2,391		2,368
American Club 3		U.S.M.C. Reds 0	
		Sumnar	438
Hubert	537	McQuarry	256
Polin	509	Cole	489
Young	391	Smith	20[illegible]
Barrett	496	Kijak	451
Hartnett	545	McClung	306
	2,478		2,239
"Y" Luckies 1		C.C.C. Bears 2	
Ohlsson	492		
Zeleniak	315	Bourne	488
Swan	509	Nance	423
Dobrenky	368	Squires	560
Chanturai	486	Huppman	501
P. Bojesen	329	Dalton	506
	2,499		2,483

"A" Coy. Hold Annual Camp

"A" Company were in strength at their Annual Camp at the Rifle Range during the week-end February 15 and 16, and in spite of the inclement weather, spent their time usefully in various fields of training including Bayonet fighting, Mob Dispersal, Sandbagging and Wiring, and Lewis Gun training.

The Company had the largest turnout for several years, and were very disappointed at the absence owing to ill-health, of their O. C. Captain G. T. Gambling.

Colonel J. W. Hornby and representatives of Corps and "A" Battalion Headquarters and the S.M. Police were guests at dinner on Saturday, during which a presentation was made to Colonel Hornby as a memento from the Unit.

On Sunday morning the Company fired their Annual Classification with the Rifle, and in spite of the weather the standard of shooting was good and five men succeeded in becoming marksmen. Pte. Chalmers returned the excellent score of 111 out of 120 in the T.M.C., winning four of the Company trophies. Second high gun was Lt. Palfreeman, with a score of 109.

Full details of Trophy and Prize winners are given below:—

Table "B"

Mih-Ho-Loong Challenge Cup.—Trophy winner, Pte. Chalmers; 1st Prize, Pte. Juhl; 2nd prize, Cpl. Allan.

"Willhecla" Challenge Shield.—Trophy winner, Pte Chalmers; 1st prize, Cpl. Sykes; 2nd prize, Lt. Palfreeman.

The "X.S." Cup.—Trophy winner, Lt. Palfreeman; 1st prize, Pte. Denton; 2nd prize, L/Cpl. Taylor-Gill.

The "Hodges" Cup.—Trophy winner, Pte. Chalmers; 1st prize, Pte. Juhl; 2nd prize, 2/Lt. Green.

The "Novices" Cup.—Trophy winner, Cpl. Sykes; 1st prize, Pte. Kerr; 2nd prize, L/Cpl. Taylor Gill.

The "Shorrock" Cup.—Trophy winner, Pte. Chalmers; 1st prize, Cpl. Ralfe; 2nd prize, Pte. B. R. Brown.

Table "A"

The "Monk" Trophy.—Trophy winner, Pte. House; 1st prize, L/Cpl. Gillett; 2nd prize, L/Cpl. Wallace.

"Old Captain's" Prize.—Trophy winner, L/Cpl. Gillett; 1st prize, Pte. House; 2nd prize, Tucker.

The Swiss Cup.—Pts. Frewen, Carlisle, Perry. (Tie with possible score, Trophy winner to be decided later).

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THERE will be an original programme tomorrow from XCDN at 8.30 p.m. which is called "Out of the Bag."

ANOTHER broadcast entitled "Uncensored News From Norway" will be delivered by Mr. K. A. Person over XMHA on Friday at 9 p.m.

A SHORT song recital will be given from XCDN today at 8.30 when Madame Sonia Kucejova will sing arias from Dovrak and Smetana operas. Mr. William Loewit accompanies her.

PAT Graybrook will entertain with a programme of modern piano solos from XMHC at 9.30 p.m. today. In addition to many other popular numbers which have been requested, "Stardust" will be featured.

MR. Naobumi Tsubouchi, Chief inspector of the Japanese Ministry of Railways, accompanied by Mr. Toichi Tsutsumi, inspector arrived here on Monday in the ss. Nagasaki Maru, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

THE National Reformatory of the National Government at Nanking, was formally opened at 50 Tai Ping Hsiang, Taiping Road on Monday under the presidency of Mr. Hwang Kai-wei, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

A CHINESE male was taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital at 10.50 a.m. yesterday after he had fallen into a ship's hold and sustained concussion and laceration of scalp. The ambulance was called out to the Custom's Jetty.

AT 11.40 a.m. yesterday, five armed Chinese entered a Chinese grocery store at 176 Kiaochow Road and escaped after taking money and property from the terrified assistants. The value of the loot was unknown yesterday.

MR. Shiro Kiuchi, resident financial commissioner of the Japanese Ministry of Finance in Shanghai, left here for Japan yesterday in the ss. Nagasaki Maru for a conference with central authorities, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports.

SUPERINTENDENT Junkichi Kawashima, who has been appointed Chief of the Hankow Japanese Consular Police, arrived here on Monday en route to his new post in the ss. Tatsuta Maru, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

MR. Li Fah, President of the Supreme Court, was inducted into office at a ceremony performed by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government on Monday, says a Chungking message to the "Chinese American Daily News."

A CHINESE pedestrian sustained laceration of scalp when he was knocked down by a bus at the corner of Connaught and Ferry Roads at 5.50 a.m. yesterday. An ambulance was called out and the victim was taken to the Shou Ming Hospital.

INSPECTOR Shigeo Masuda, of the Nanking Japanese Consular Police, has been appointed chief of the Wuhu Japanese Police Station in succession to Assistant Inspector Kichigoro Sugano, who has been appointed chief of the Tangku Police Station, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

ARMED with four pistols, a gang of six Chinese with a female accomplice, entered a Chinese dwelling at 12/362 Medhurst Road at 11 a.m. yesterday and intimidated the occupants, getting away with about $6,000 in money, clothing and jewellery. No shots were fired by the gangsters and no arrests were made.

CANDIDATES for the Assembly of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, have reached a total of 40 for the 25 seats available according to figures made public when the lists closed at noon Monday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports. The election is scheduled to be held on Saturday and Sunday, the results of which will be published Sunday night, the paper added.

INDICATING that the rehabilitation of Nanking, seat of the National Government, is progressing steadily, it was revealed that the Chinese population has reached approximately 700,000, and their stores and shops numbering as many as 7,781, figures released by the Chinese authorities revealed, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports. The Japanese population of Nanking is 13,000 the paper added.

A PARTY of British journalists yesterday entertained Mr. Randall Gould, the departing editor of the "Evening Post and Mercury" at luncheon at the Shanghai Club. Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, the editor of the "North-China Daily News" proposed the toast in honour of Mr. Gould, who replied, regretting his departure and the severance of a number of old friendships in Shanghai.

MR. Koshiro Suwa, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company, gave a cocktail party at the Astor House Hotel from 4 to 6 o'clock Monday afternoon in honour of Mr. Shinya Ogata, newly-appointed director of the Kiangnan Dock, and his predecessor Mr. Nikita Kamoi, who has been appointed Inspector of the Company's head office, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reports.

MR. Mu Niu-chu has been appointed by the Chinese Government as the new General-Manager of the Farm Credit Bureau, succeeding Dr. Franklin Ho, whose resignation has been formally accepted, says a Chungking message to the "China American Daily News." The appointment of Mr. Mu is expected to be formally approved by the Executive Yuan at its regular session held in Chungking yesterday the report states.

IN the introduction of the report and accounts of the Shanghai War Savings Association, in yesterday's issue, regarding the arrangement made with local British Banks in respect to emergency withdrawals. It should have been "the amount drawn out by the contributor will bear interest at three per cent., in other words, the banks will advance 85 per cent. of the total amount invested and will charge three per cent. interest on the advance."

Chinese Hoarders To Be Punished

Chungking Regulations to Be Enforced Here; Traders Urged to Move to Interior

The Chinese press in Shanghai has now begun publishing in full details of the 26 Articles of the "Regulations Governing the Punishment for Hoarding Important Commodities during the Extraordinary Period." The list includes rice, flour, cotton, cloth, beans, kaoliang, corn, leather, fuel, salt, paper, soap, matches, seeds of vegetables and vegetable oil and other things that may be pointed out by the Ministry of Economics at Chungking.

A review of the regulations reveals that punishments will be meted out to almost any Chinese engaged in hoarding. All district authorities are required to make public the regulations four days after the order from the Ministry has been received. The publication of these regulations in Shanghai where Chungking officials do not work openly is significant, as previous Chinese reports asserted that hoarders might be dealt with by the Government even after the war.

Local authorities in all provinces and municipalities are to supervise the merchants in turning over their goods which they have been hoarding. The goods will be registered and the merchants may be required to sell them in specified areas. Officials may sell the goods for merchants if the latter cannot do so by a specified time, allowing them to obtain a profit, however. The district authorities may buy the goods when they see fit to do so, so that the goods may be resold at a low price to the public. All trade associations to which all merchants are required to make reports in this connection are ordered to cooperate with the Government in supervising and checking the merchants.

Strict Punishments

Those who violate regulations, including those who buy the very goods they have been hoarding under fictitious names, will be punished with confiscation or fines. The regulations are so rigid that it may be said that no hoarders can escape official attention, and it is even regulated that citizens may make secret reports to local authorities leading to the discovery of hoarders. Rewards are promised for them. Officials who are involved in hoarding are to be punished also according to regulations enforced to discourage corruption.

While thus making public the regulations against hoarding from which people in Shanghai have suffered a great deal, the Chinese press as a whole is taking pains to explain the unfavourable trade situation in Shanghai and urging industrialists and merchants to move their business to the Chungking-controlled interior. The "Chinese American Daily News" yesterday painted a bad picture of Shanghai, editorially predicting that when the Far Eastern crisis reaches a climax, Japan will dominate Shanghai. Factories and godowns will be occupied and Chinese factory properties may be treated as "enemy goods." Likewise the press is also urging people to move their capital and idle money to the interior.

Bodyguard of Gambling Den Killed

Assailant Arrested by C.P.C.; Pedestrians Hurt

The French Concession became the scene of the third murder attempt in as many days yesterday when Lou Ting, a 25-year old bodyguard of the Hwa Loh gambling den in Yu Yuen Road, was shot and seriously wounded near the corner of Route des Soeurs and Rue Ratard at about 9 a.m. The victim died in hospital soon after admission.

The victim, who resides at 6 Tan Fong Li off Route Vallon, was walking along Route des Soeurs when, a few yards from Rue Ratard, he was shot by a gunman, who had followed him for some distance. He was hit in the back.

The assailant was immediately arrested by C.P.C. 847, on duty on the vicinity. The policeman, seeing the would-be assassin with a pistol in his hand, opened fire, wounding him in the knee. Two passers-by were slightly wounded by stray shots.

The victim, his assailant, who was said to be Vong Sze Teh, and the two wounded pedestrians were taken to Ste. Marie's Hospital. Apart from Lou Ting the others sustained only minor injuries.

Investigations were started by the detectives and it appeared that the attack had been inspired by personal vengeance.

Goodyear's Pliofilm

The United American Historical Foundation's current tour of educational institutions with its collection of original American documents is said to have been made possible by the use of Pliofilm, a rubber development of the Goodyear Tyre Company.

Pliofilm is a transparent, synthetic material, impervious to air, moisture, heat and cold, tear resistant and non-inflammable, which makes it ideal for protection of the documents which it is used to cover. Lightness of the material also eliminates bulk which permits easy transportation of the collection.

With more than 800 pieces of original documents—newspapers, hand bills, paper money and personal papers, the Foundation presents the finest chronologically arranged exhibit of original materials outside the Library of Congress.

Bank Robber Gang Arrested

Four suspected robbers, who specialized in victimizing bank messengers, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday by the police, who asked for their remand for a week pending further investigations. The request was granted. It was alleged by the prosecution that the men were involved in at least six robberies in which more than $10,000 was stolen. In one case, $6,500 was stolen. Accused were arrested on Monday when they were found loitering in the banking district.

Ford de Luxe Has New Front-end Styling

The new and larger Ford de luxe for 1941 has an exceptionally deep windshield, made of polished safety glass. This and the new position of the front seat gives the driver a wide view of the road. The glass area in Ford sedans this year has been increased nearly four square feet.

S.M.C. Congratulations To Salvation Army

The Shanghai Municipal Council has sent the following telegram to the Salvation Army, London, where a meeting is being held to celebrate the Salvation Army's Jubilee:—

"Council extends Jubilee congratulations and thanks of community for invaluable humanitarian work in this Settlement of the Salvation Army, specially for grappling with appalling beggar problem —Chairman."

Guerillas Active Along Railway

Bridge Blown Up, Disrupts Train Service in Nanking Shanghai Line

Although efforts made yesterday to confirm reports appearing in several leading Chinese dailies here that the Shanghai-Nanking railway was again blown up on Monday morning by guerillas failed, it was learned that it was a fact that the main train could not reach Nanking on that day. An official at the North Railway Station stated yesterday, however, that the train had resumed its service even to Nanking, although the Chinese reports indicated that the explosion had occurred at a place near Soochow.

The official interviewed admitted the curtailment of the train service on Monday, but refused to confirm the Chinese reports about the explosion. He said that the train could not reach Nanking because some damage had been caused to a bridge, but failed to explain the nature of the damage. Repairs had been effected and the train had resumed its full service yesterday, not only to Soochow but also to Nanking.

The Chinese reports stated that guerillas operating along the railway had been active recently and on Monday morning they again bombed and destroyed a section of the railway track below Soochow, causing the complete suspension of the train service. The Japanese sent workers to repair the damage the same morning, but in the evening the repairs had not yet been completed, indicating the serious nature of the damage. Both the outgoing and incoming trains were stopped by the incident.

Little Response to S.M.C. Invitation

Small response has so far been received to the Council's notification No. 5397 inviting expression of views to the Special Committee to investigate inequalities of taxation.

The Committee is still willing to receive the names of those willing to appear before the Committee to state their views. In view of the necessity of expediting the Committee's work, the names of those willing to give their views to the Committee should be submitted at an early date to Mr. J. C. Greig, Secretary to the Special Committee to Investigate Inequalities of Taxation, Room No. 165, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road.

U.S. Said Preparing to Ship Malayan Rubber

London, Feb. 18.

Singapore rubber growers understand the United States is arranging for adequate tonnage to carry strategic Malayan war materials to America, providing the Straits-New York Shipping Conference by early April does not raise rates on vessels touching at Singapore, the Exchange Telegraph news agency said yesterday.—United Press.

New Ford Design Shown Here

Wide Choice of Types; Improved Appointments And Controls

Among the outstanding features of the 1941 Ford is a softer, smoother ride than ever before. It has a longer wheelbase, longer springbase and greater overall length; faster acceleration; improved shock absorbers; new instrument panel and interior appointments—on display at Bills Motors.

Beginning with the Ford de luxe and the Ford super de luxe, and extending through the Mercury 8, the Lincoln-Zephyr and Lincoln Continental to the luxurious Lincoln Custom, Ford now offers cars in nearly every price class.

The two lines of 1941 Ford V-8 cars, the de luxe and the super de luxe, reveal the most complete change in design since the V-8 engine was introduced nearly nine years ago. The graceful simplicity of styling is a definite advance over previous years. The bodies are longer and wider and the seat width has been increased, in some models as much as seven inches. As a result, the running boards are partially concealed.

Visibility has been considerably increased. The total glass area is greater and the big one-piece rear window is of curved, tempered glass to conform to the body lines. The wheelbase has been increased to 114 inches, and the cars are mounted on an extremely rigid frame of new design.

Body Types in Colours

The Ford de luxe is offered in four types; the Fordor, Tudor, coupe and station wagon. Both the de luxe and the super de luxe are offered in a number of attractive colours.

These dimensions give a clearer proof of the great increase in size and roominess of the 1941 Ford bodies.

Tudor Sedan		Fordor Sedan
55"	Front seat width	56"
41"	Head room	41"
55½"	Rear seat width	57"
18½"	Depth of front cushion	18½"
19"	Depth of rear cushion	19"

New for 1941 is the remote control hood lock, which locks automatically when the hood is closed. Release control is located just below instrument panel and there is a separate safety catch at the front of the hood. Other new appointments include ignition keyhole light, door for gas tank filler cap and separate parking lights. On the super de luxe cars, there is also crank control for the ventilating windows and a horn ring.

The 1941 Ford will have faster acceleration in both low and second gears, because lower transmission gear ratios have been adopted. The new ratios are: low 3.114-1, second 1.773-1.

The combination of bigger and roomier bodies, longer wheelbase and higher power of the new V-8 establishes a value for which the public has long looked.

620 Indian Seamen Killed in Action

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

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Chinese Tribute to Colonel Hornby

Presentation Made by Councillors on Behalf Of Local Community

In honour of Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C., Commandant, S.V.C., a farewell reception was given at the S.V.C. Club yesterday noon by Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Senior Chinese member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Messrs. L. T. Yuan, W. Gockson, Yulin Hsi and D. S. Chen, Chinese Councillors, representing the Chinese community of Shanghai.

There were also present at the reception besides the guest of honour, Lieut.-Cols. L. R. Andrews, G. H. Mann, M.C., Majors H. S. Bartley, T. A. Zee, Z. Y. Chen and B. Y. Woo (retired) and Captain J. Moffat.

Colonel Hornby is soon to depart from Shanghai upon completion of his service as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. During his tenure of office in Shanghai, he has been in command of the Corps which, under his able leadership, rendered valuable services and needful protection to the community in a critical and eventful time.

As a token of appreciation and remembrance of Colonel Hornby's valuable services, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, on behalf of his Chinese colleagues on the Council representing the Chinese community of Shanghai, presented to the guest of honour a souvenir in the form of a document bag.

In making the presentation during the reception, Mr. Yu made a short speech highly praising Colonel Hornby's ability and tact as a military leader in the International Settlement in the maintenance of peace and order. Colonel Hornby, in accepting the gift, suitably replied and expressed thanks for the honour extended him at the happy function.

Commandeered Car Mystery

Settlement detectives were yesterday investigating the mysterious commandeering of a private car from outside the Foh Tsi Li in Kwangse Road at 11.15 p.m. on Monday.

It appears that the owner of the car, a manager of a Chinese stationery shop in Shantung Road, was entertaining a party in a certain sing song house in the lane, when four persons, two of whom were said to have been armed with pistols, approached the vehicle and pushed the chauffeur out.

The miscreants then pushed an unidentified Chinese into the car and drove off. The vehicle was later found near the corner of Gordon and Haiphong Roads. The identity of the person who was pushed into the car, however, remained unknown yesterday.

No British Naval Vessels Near Thailand

Bangkok, Feb. 18.

The Thai Government has investigated the rumour that people in the southern provinces of Thailand were greatly perturbed by British warships patrolling in Thai territorial waters off Songkhla, and by the massing of British troops on the Thai border. There is no truth whatsoever in this rumour, an official communique issued today states.—Reuter.

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Woman Commits Suicide When Called a Thief

Accused of Stealing Neighbour's Overcoat

Accused by the French Police of having stolen an overcoat from her neighbour and having been laughed at by several persons, Ou Tai-sze, a Chinese widow, committed suicide on Monday morning by cutting her throat with a pair of scissors. She was taken to Ste. Marie's Hospital, but died despite all care and attention.

The victim, mother of three children, lived in a Chinese house in Rue Tourane. Living in the same house was Chen Chia-pu, who several days ago lost his overcoat. On Monday, his son was playing with the widow's son in her room. There he saw a tag with his father's name on it.

Knowing it to be from his father's coat, the boy told this to his parent, who reported the case to the police. The woman was taken for questioning to the Poste Central, where she admitted the theft, saying that the coat had been hidden in a trunk.

Taken back to her home by a Chinese detective, the woman was insulted by several neighbours, who called her a thief. This loss of face was too much for her and she slipped into her house, closing the door before the very nose of the detective. When the latter finally got in, he found his charge, lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

It is reported that Chen, bitten by remorse, has taken it upon himself to bury the unfortunate woman.

Carter to Lead Eastern Group Council

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

Mr. Archibald Carter has assumed charge as Chairman of the Eastern Group Supply Council, which has been established as a result of the Eastern Group Supply Conference held recently. Pending the arrival of representatives from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, Mr. A. Whyatt, Secretary fo the Council, has commenced the spadework of setting up the supply group.—Reuter.

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Coal to Have Priority In Australian Shipping

Canberra, Feb. 18.

The Australian Shipping Control Board and the newly inaugurated Coal Control Board are in unison in requiring all available ships sailing in Australian waters to give priority to shipments of coal, until adequate coal reserves have been established. When this has been achieved, it is understood, iron ore, iron and steel, and other basic materials for the munitions industry, will be placed next on the priority list.—Reuter.

Hongkong Evacuees in Philippines to Move

Manila, Feb. 18.

British women who were evacuated from Hongkong to Baguio, Philippines, have been instructed to proceed to Australia, the "Manila Bulletin" said today.

No explanation was given for the order, the "Bulletin" said, but it was recalled that numerous protests against high living costs were made by the evacuees and by the British authorities.—United Press.

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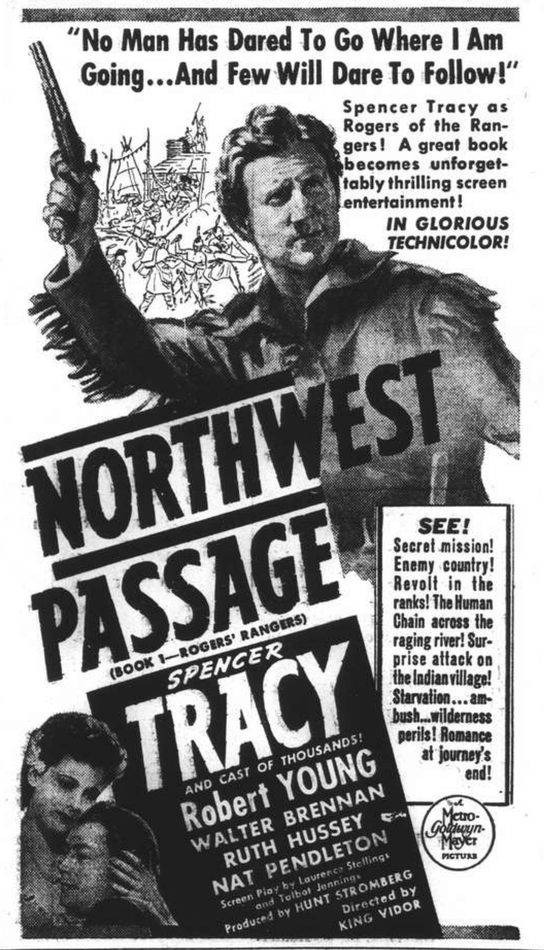
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Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 1/16d.	$ 69.19
U.S. $100 @ 5 1/8	$1,777.78
Yen 23 1/16	$100
Guilders 10 1/2	100
Rupees 19 1/4	100
Pesos 11 1/4	100
Hongkong $23	100
Closing 3 3/32	U.S.$5 3/4

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 1/16d.	$ 67.36
U.S. $100 @ 5 1/4	$1,739.00
London—demand, $1=	3 9/16d.
4 months' sight credits	3 11/32d.
4 months' sight docts	3 3/8d.
6 months' sight credits	3 3/8d.
6 months' sight docts	3 3/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5 3/4
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5 13/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5 7/8
Closing 3 1/32	U.S. $5 7/8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03 1/2 U.S. $1=£9.48d

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 3 1/16d.	U.S. $5 3/4
Hongkong/London	1/3

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Java Guilders	Selling 10 1/2

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Buying	U.S.$100=$1,739.130	£1=$67.964
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,797.752	£1=$70.458

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d	per H.H.$ 1	
U.S.$ Selling	„ @ 9 3/4	„ H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 169 1/2	per H.H.$100	

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing	$2.796
Gold Unit 1.00—CRB$ or Local	$ 4.921

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 3 3/8	Lowest 3 3/4
U.S. $	5 7/8	5 3/2

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash		Feb./Mar.
£ T.T.	3 1/8	4 m/s. l.c. 3 5/8
U.S.$ T.T.	5 3/4	4 m/s l.c. 5 7/8
Rs. T.T.	19 1/4	15 d/s. 19 3/4

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23 1/4	23 1/4
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	63.03	—
Bombay offtake 300 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing rate for Feb 17	4.03 1/4
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.94 1/2
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.96 1/2

The market opened with sellers at 3 1/2d. sterling and 5 3/4 U.S.$. Chinese selling of U.S.$ made the market steady to firm all day until about half an hour before the close at which time there were sellers of sterling at 3 1/2d. and U.S.$ at 5 3/4. During the last half hour speculators turned round causing the market to ease slightly, closing quiet at:—

3 1/2	sterling	5 3/4	U.S.$ Cash/Feb.
3 3/4	„	5 3/8	„ Mar.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Feb. 17.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	81 1/4 N.	London	1/5 3/4
N. Y.	332 3/4-332 1/4	2 mths	
Shanghai	20	„ sellers	1/5 3/4
Hongkong	84 1/4	„ buyers	1/6 1/32
		Japan 2 mths	
		„ sellers	82 3/4 N.
		„ buyers	77 N.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	403.50	Bombay	1/6 1/16
Madrid	40.00	Hongkong	1/3 3/16
Berne	17.30	Singapore	2/4 3/8
Bel. Congo	176 1/2	Yokohama	1/21 1/2
Shanghai	34 1/2d.	„ buying	1/2

New York U.S.$. T. T. on:

Berlin	40.05	Brazil	5.05
Spain	9.25 N.	Japan	23.45/23.48*
Paris	2.19	Shanghai	5.81
Italy	5.05 N.	Hungary	19.75
S'zerland	23.23	Rumania	0.50
„ "free"	23.32	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	23.85	Finland	2.05
Montreal	85.000	Manila	49.80 N.
London			4.03 1/4
Buenos Aires Paper			29.78
„ „	market rate		23.60
Montreal on London			4.74 1/2

†—Quiet. *—Offered. N—Nominal.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Feb. 17.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 3/4%
Fine Trade Bills	6 months	3 1/4%
Call money		0 1/8%
New York:		
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months		0 1/2%B
		0 3/4%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months		0 5/8%B
		0 1/8%A
Call money		1%

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 18.	Bid Prices a.m. closing	p.m. closing
Atoks	.205 S	.205 S
Baguio Gold	.1425	.1425 S
Big Wedge	.21	.21
Consolidated Mines	.0018	.0018
East Mindanao	.0675	.0675
L. X. L.	.22	.22 S
Itogen	.1475 S	.1475 S
Masbate Consolidated	.03	.0325
Paracale Gumaus	.285	.285
Surigao Consolidated	.18	.18
United Paracale	.1225	.1225
Mindanao Motherlode	.1075	.1075 S
Manila Hai-Alai	6.50 S	6.90 S
Benguet Consolidated	4.30 asked	

Turnover (Morning Session): 12,600 pesos.

Shares Index (Morning Session): 43.00.

S—Sales.—Reuter.

Forward Rubber Sales

Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd. announce that the under-mentioned companies have sold forward approximately 33-1/3 per cent. of the exportable quota for July/September 1941 at 35 1/2 Straits cents per lb., loose.

Rute Plantations (1913) Ltd.
Consolidated Rubber Estates (1914) Ltd.
Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd.
Kota Bahroe Rubber Estates (1921) Ltd.
Shanghai Pahang Rubber Estate, Ltd.
Sungei Duri Rubber Estate, Ltd.
Sedang Rubber Co., Ltd.
Shanghai Kedah Plantations, Ltd.
Tanah Merah Estates (1916) Ltd.

Silver Quotations

	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
London spot	23 1/4d.	23 1/8d.
„ forward	23 1/4d.	23 1/8d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

While the market in the morning was uncertain, with a somewhat easy undertone, firmer exchange in the afternoon brought on a wave of selling which was only absorbed with difficulty. There were periods during the day when firmness was shown, but these were few and selling was always predominant, though at the close short covering was to be noticed. Wheelocks, being one of the higher priced shares, was the heaviest sufferer, the rate at the close being $78 1/2 buyers against a high point of the day of $86 1/2. The turnover for the day was again heavy, with Rubbers under pressure at the close.

Official Averages

		Today's Average	Change
High	Low		
462.56	105.32 General	278.61	—2.35
485.40	95.55 Rubbers	244.41	+0.75

Total 615,637 shares, 2,664 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtsze Finance		500	*14.70	2500	14.70
	1500 14.60	500	*14.50	1500	*14.50
	1000 14.30	3000	14.20	1500	14.10
	1500 *14.10	500	14.40	500	*14.30
	1000 *14.00	2500	14.00	1500	*14.20
	1500 14.20				
S'hai Loan		2500	†17.80	3000	*17.70
	2000 *17.50	2000	17.50	500	17.10
	1000 16.60	2000	16.80		
I. I. Trust		1500	20.25	500	*20.00
	3000 20.00	1000	19.30	500	*19.80
	500 19.70	1500	19.30	500	*19.30
	1000 19.40	500	19.50	500	19.10
	500 *19.30	1500	19.30	1000	19.50
	500 19.70	1000	19.60		
S'hai Securities		5000	5.50	1500	5.40
	4000 5.45	500	5.35	500	5.30
	500 5.15	1500	5.20	1000	*5.20
	500 *5.25	500	*5.30	1000	*5.35
	500 5.35	500	5.30		
China Realty		1000	8.35	500	8.40
S'hai Land		500	11.80	500	*11.80
	2500 11.70	3000	*11.60	1000	11.60
	1000 11.50	500	11.40		
Dockyards		4500	27.00	3200	27.25
	400 *27.25	200	*27.50	900	27.00
	400 *27.00	1500	26.75	100	*26.75
	2700 26.50	500	*26.50	2500	26.25
	1800 *26.00	3800	26.00	100	26.50
	1400 25.75	1500	26.00	400	26.50
	900 26.25				
Ewo Brewery		4500	7.45	10000	7.40
	2000 *7.50	2000	*7.40	2500	*7.30
	2000 7.30	2500	7.35	2000	7.20
	500 7.10	1500	7.25	4000	7.30
Wheelock		700	*86.50	900	86.00
	1700 85.50	1800	85.00	2200	*85.50
	100 86.00	1300	85.00	1200	*85.00
	1300 84.50	500	*84.50	500	*84.00
	400 84.00	1100	83.00	300	83.50
	100 *82.50	1800	82.50	100	*83.00
	1100 83.50	2100	82.50	1900	83.00
	200 *82.50	1000	*83.50	300	83.50
	1400 84.00	300	*84.50	200	*84.00
	700 *83.50	300	*83.00	200	83.00
Int. Assurance				2000	†19.60
Ewo Mills (Ord)		500	39.00	1500	39.25
	7800 39.50	400	*39.50	1400	*39.25
	300 *39.50	4800	39.25	6300	39.00
	1000 *39.00	800	38.75	400	*38.75
	300 38.50	900	38.25	3700	38.00
	1200 *38.25	400	*38.00	1300	38.25
	900 38.50	100	38.75	100	38.50
	200 *37.75	700	*78.00	1200	38.00
	1300 38.25	300	*38.25	1900	38.50
Central Prop. (X.D.)				100	17.00
Textile		1000	8.70	500	8.60
	500 8.55	3000	8.50	500	*8.50
	3000 *8.55	2500	8.40	3500	8.30
	1000 8.35	500	8.20	1500	8.25
	1500 8.40	500	8.35		
Worsted		500	*5.65	1000	5.65
	500 5.55	500	5.50	4000	5.40
	500 *5.40	2000	5.45		
Tram (Bearer)		£1		200	45.00
	100 44.50	400	44.00		
C. G. Omnibus		300	17.00	200	16.80
	100 16.90	400	16.50	400	16.60
Telephone		500	34.25	200	*34.25
	300 34.50	800	35.00	300	*35.00
	200 34.50	400	34.25	400	*34.25
	600 34.00	300	33.50		
S'hai Gas (Old)		700	16.20	200	16.00
	100 15.80	100	15.90	200	*15.60
	100 15.70				
Lumber		1700	46.00	100	*45.75
	1600 45.75	1200	46.25	600	45.50
	200 *45.50	900	45.00	1400	44.50
	200 *44.00	500	44.25	100	*45.00
	100 45.00				
Metal (Old)		1900	29.50	4200	*29.50
	700 *29.75	200	29.25	100	*28.50
	400 28.75	1900	29.00	100	*28.75
	100 *29.50	900	29.25	500	*29.00
	300 28.75	2500	28.50	300	*28.75
	1300 28.25	200	28.00	100	*28.00
	100 *28.25	500	28.50	1000	28.75
	500 *28.75				
Metal (New)		100	24.75	900	24.50
	3000 *24.75	600	24.00	200	23.75
	2000 24.25	800	*24.25	200	*24.50
	100 *24.00	800	24.00	1000	23.75
	700 23.50	1900	23.25	500	23.00
	500 22.75	600	23.50	100	*23.00
	2300 23.50	100	*23.50	1500	23.75
	400 *23.75				
Kaiping		100	44.00	100	44.50
	200 45.00				
Exploration		7500	20.75	500	*20.50
	6500 20.50	500	*20.75	500	*20.25
	2500 20.25	2500	20.00	4000	19.90
	1000 19.80	1500	*20.00	2000	20.25
	1000 19.90	500	20.00	500	19.60
	500 *19.80	500	*19.90	4000	19.80
	1000 19.70	500	*19.70	500	19.60
	1500 19.90	500	19.80	3500	20.00
Power (Pref)				70	129.00
Anglo Dutch		600	17.00	300	*16.80
	700 16.90	100	16.80	400	16.70
	1100 16.50	500	16.40	200	16.30
	300 16.50				
Anglo Java		100	*34.00	200	*33.75
	800 34.00	2000	33.75	1200	33.50
	100 *33.50	900	33.25	200	*33.25
	600 33.00	200	*32.75	800	32.50
	200 32.25	300	32.75	400	32.25
	1600 32.00	200	*32.25	900	32.50
Cheng		1000	0.75	2000	0.74
Kroewoek		1000	*2.30	6000	2.30
	2000 2.27 1/2	6000	2.25		
Langkat		1800	23.00	600	23.25
	700 *23.00	100	23.50	1200	22.75
	1200 22.50	200	*22.25	1300	22.25
	500 22.00	200	*22.75	1100	22.50
Repah				2000	1.06
Rubber Trust		500	8.95	1500	9.00
	1000 8.90	500	8.85	1000	8.80
Samagaga		1000	1.38	1000	1.36
Senawang		2000	1.38	1000	1.32
Kelantan		4000	*0.78	5000	0.77
Tanah Merah		2000	*2.57 1/2	1000	2.57 1/2
Tebong		3000	1.28	5000	1.26
	2000 1.30	1000	*1.30	2000	1.24
	3000 1.28	4000	*1.28	1000	1.26
Ziangbe		200	20.00	700	19.80
	200 19.60	500	19.50	400	*19.50
	200 19.00	200	18.90	500	19.20
	100 19.10	200	19.50		
Tung Yih				200	105.00
Power 5 1/2% Debs.				15400	*88.50
20000 88.25					
Telephone 6% Tael Debs.				1000	99.00
City Loan 7% 1932				1000	60.00
S. M. C. 5% Debs.				200000	78.00

ODD LOTS

Tebong				200	1.22
Ziangbe				50	18.80
C. G. Omnibus				12	16.50
Worsted				100	5.35
Ewo Brewery		25	7.15	300	*7.30
Ewo Mills (Ord)		50	39.50	25	38.75
25 38.00					
Exploration		350	*20.00	400	19.90
100 19.90		250	20.25		
I. I. Trust				100	19.60
S'hai Securities		200	5.25	250	5.40
Textile				200	8.60
S'hai Land				250	11.90
S'hai Loan		200	17.40	250	16.70
100 17.30		300	17.30		
Yangtsze Finance		100	14.20	100	14.90
400 14.70		50	*14.80		

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Yangtsze Finance				1500	14.30
	2000 14.00	3000	13.90	500	13.80
S'hai Loan		500	*16.70	500	16.60
	500 16.50	1000	16.00	500	16.10
	500 16.20				
I. I. Trust		500	*19.50	1000	19.30
	1000 *19.20	1000	19.30	500	19.10
	500 19.00	2000	18.50		
S'hai Securities		4000	5.25	2000	*5.30
	500 *5.25	500	5.20	500	*5.20
	500 5.15	4500	5.10	2000	*5.10
S'hai Land		2000	*11.40	5000	*11.10
	2500 11.10	1500	11.00	1000	11.10
Dockyards		1400	26.00	400	*26.00
	1700 25.75	200	*25.75	300	25.50
	100 *25.50	1100	25.25	3100	25.00
	300 25.50	1700	25.25	300	*25.00
	2200 25.00				
Ewo Brewery		500	7.30	2000	*7.35
	1000 7.30	1500	7.25	1500	7.20
	1500 7.15	1500	7.10	1000	7.00
	2000 7.05	2000	*7.05	3000	*7.00
	3000 7.05				
Wheelock		300	84.00	300	*83.00
	1400 82.50	1400	82.00	200	*81.50
	1800 81.50	100	81.00	200	80.00
	600 79.50	100	*80.00	400	*79.00
	1600 79.00	100	*78.50	700	78.50
	100 *78.00	200	*78.50	600	79.00
	2700 79.50	300	*79.50	600	79.00
	200 78.50				

*—Direct Business.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 17.

Dull but firmer conditions were witnessed on Wall Street today, with stock values generally closing from fractions to about one point higher.

War stocks and other market favourites encountered some demand, but the following on the way up was small. Hence, the market again settled down to a session of dull trading.

Meanwhile, domestic business reports continued to present excellent reading, although they are, at present, overshadowed by international political developments.

The volume of business done totalled 360,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	119.73	118.70	119.13	+0.63
20 Rails	26.96	26.74	26.79	+0.14
15 Utilit.	19.15	18.94	19.04	+0.04
40 Bonds	——	——	89.85	+0.04
11 Commod.	——	——	55.45	—0.04

Feb. 15	17	Feb. 15	17
Adams Exp 5 1/8	5 1/8	Lockheed 21	21 1/2
Alg Lud 20 1/2	20 1/4	Loew's 31	31 1/4
Allis Chal 29	29 1/2	Loft Inc 14 1/2	14 1/2
Alum Ltd *70	*70	Mack Trks 25 1/2	26 1/4
Amer Can 82 1/2	83	Martin 23 1/2	23 5/8
Am Cyan 31 1/8	31 3/8	McK & R *24	24 1/4
Am For Pr 01 3/8	01 3/8	Mont Ward 35 1/2	35 5/8
„ $7 pfd 15	15 1/2	Mountain 2 1/2	2 1/2
Am Loco 12 1/4	12 1/2	Nat Avian 8 1/4	8 1/4
Am Metal 16 1/2	16 1/2	Nat City *25 1/2	25
Am Radtr 6	6	Nat Dairy 13 1/2	13 1/4
Am R Mill 12 1/4	12 1/2	Nat Dist 20 1/2	21
Am Smelt 39	39	Nat Lead 15 1/4	16
Am Sug *13 1/2	13 1/4	Nat P & L 6 3/8	6 1/2
Am T & T 159 1/8	159 1/2	Nat Sup 5	5 1/2
Am Tob B 68	68	N Y Cent 12 1/4	12 1/2
Am Wtwrk 5 1/2	5 1/2	Niag Hud Pr 2 3/8	2 3/8
Anaconda 22 1/4	22 3/8	N A Avian 13 1/2	13 3/8
Atchison 20 1/2	20 3/8	N Am Co 15 1/4	15
Bald Loco 14 1/4	14 1/4	N Pacific 5 1/2	5 1/2
Avian Cpn 3 3/8	4	O I Glass 42 3/8	43
Barber 8 1/4	8 1/4	Pac G & E 25 1/4	26
Balt & Ohio 3 1/2	3 1/2	Packard 2 3/8	2 3/8
Barn Oil 7 3/8	8 1/4	Pan A Air 12 1/4	12 1/4
Beth St 76 3/8	77	Paramount 10 1/4	10 1/4
Bendix 33 1/4	33 3/8	Penn R R 22 3/8	22 5/8
Bliss 14 1/4	14 1/2	P & R Coal *0 3/8	—
Borg War 17 1/8	17 1/4	Phil Pet 36	36 1/4
Boeing 14 3/8	14 3/8	P S of NJ 27 1/4	27 3/8
Briggs 19 7/8	20 1/4	Pullman 23 1/2	23 1/2
Budd Mfg 3 1/4	3 1/4	Pure Oil 7 1/2	7 1/2
Can Pac 3 1/4	3 1/4	Radio 4 1/2	4
Case J I 44 1/2	45 1/4	Reading *12 3/8	12 5/8
Celanese 23	23 1/8	Rem Arms *5 1/2	5 1/2
Chase N B *29 1/4	*29 1/4	Rep Avian 3 3/8	3 3/8
Ches & O 38 1/4	39 1/4	Rep St 17 1/4	17 5/8
Chrysler 64 1/2	64 3/8	Rev C & B 8 1/8	8 1/8
Col G & E 3 1/8	4 3	Rey Tob B 32	32 1/8
Col Credit 29 3/8	29 1/4	Safeway 38 1/2	38 1/2
Col Credit 0 3/8	0 1/4	Schenley 9 1/2	9 1/2
Cons Edis 21	21 1/2	Sear Roeb 69 1/2	69 1/2
Cons Oil 5 1/2	5 1/2	Shell U Oil 10 3/8	11
Cont Can 36 1/2	36 1/2	Soc Vac 8 1/2	8 1/2
Cont Oil 18	18 1/4	Sthrn Pac 8 1/2	8 1/2
Copld St 14 7/8	*14 3/4	Sthrn. Rly 20 3/8	20 1/2
Curtis Wr 7 3/8	7 3/8	Spicer 32 1/2	*31
„ "A" 25 3/8	26	Std Brands 6	6
Deere 19 3/8	19 3/8	Std G & E 1	0 3/8
Dist Cpn 16 1/2	16 3/4	Std Oil C 18 1/2	18 3/8
Douglas 65 1/2	66	Std Oil N J 33 3/8	34
Du Pont 140	141	Stone & W 6	6 3/8
E P Lead 9	9 1/8	Studebaker 6 1/2	6 3/8
Eaton Mfg 30	30 1/2	Swift Int *17 3/8	18
Elec A Lite 27 3/8	28	Technicor 9	*8 3/8
Elec B & S 3 1/2	3 1/2	Tex Corp 35 1/2	35 5/8
„ $5 pfd *54 1/2	*54 1/2	Tex Gulf 35	35 1/2
„ $6 pfd 63	62	Timken 28 1/2	28 3/8
Elec P & L 29	*28	Transamer 4 3/8	4 3/8
Flintkote 12 3/8	12 3/4	Tw Cent F 5 3/8	6
Gen A Tr *49	50	Un El & P 10 1/8	10 1/4
Gen Elec 30 1/4	31 1/4	Un Carbide 60 3/8	61 1/2
Gen Motor 41 1/2	41 3/8	Un Pac 76 1/4	76 3/8
Gen Rly *12	12 3/8	Un Air 35 1/4	36
Gen T & R 11	*10 1/4	Un A Lines 12 1/2	12 3/8
Glidden 12 3/8	13	Un Corp 1 1/8	1 1/2
Goodrich 12	12	„ $3 pfd 26	25 3/4
„ $5 pfd *59	*59	Un Gas *01 1/4	01 1/4
Goodyear 16 3/8	16 3/8	Un G Imp 8 3/8	8 3/8
Gt N I Ore 12 3/8	13 1/2	U S Ind 22	22
Gt N Rly 22 3/8	23	U S Rub 18 1/8	18 1/2
Gt W Sug 20 1/4	21	„ pfd 80 1/2	82
Grey Cpn 10 3/8	10 3/8	U S Smelt *58	*58
Her Pow *67 1/2	68 1/4	U S Steel 57 1/4	57 3/8
Homestake 45	46 1/4	Vanadium 26 3/8	27
Int Nickel 23 3/8	23 3/4	Vultee *68	*68 1/4
Int Paper 11 3/8	11 3/8	Walworth 4 1/2	4 1/2
Int T & T 2 1/8	2 1/8	War Br Pic *22	22
Johns Man 55 1/4	55 3/8	West Elec 91 1/4	91 1/2
Kennecott 31 1/8	31 3/8	Woodward 28 1/2	*28
Libbey O F 35 1/2	35 3/8		

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power		52 3/8	53
Australia Comm.		57 1/2	59
Balt. & Ohio "A"		37	37 1/4
Brazil (U.S. of) 8%	1941	18 3/4	18 3/4
„ „ „	6 1/2% 1957	15 3/4	16
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.		89 3/8	90
Erie 5s	1967	17	17 1/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.		37 1/4	40 3/4
New England Gas & Elec.		62	*62
Sthrn. Pacific Co.		44 1/4	44
Stand. Gas & Elec.		*76 3/4	77 3/8

*—Bid. †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices extended Saturday's technical recovery on a sharply lower volume today. War stocks were prominent, moving one point on the upside, while many leaders closed over one point higher. Experts noted the lack of volume on the rise and advised caution. War developments still dominate the market but the Turkish-Bulgarian Non-Aggression Pact is viewed bearishly. National Distillers net earnings are estimated at $3.28 per share, compared with $3.34 per share last year. However, net sales are twenty per cent. ahead of 1939. High railway income reports sustained rails.

London Bullion

London, Feb. 17.

London Gold: Bar, Fine, per oz...168/- unchanged.

London Silver: The market ruled steady, with very small business passing. After the official fixing, the market remained steady without any business being done.

Spot	23 1/4d. unch.
Forward	23 1/4d. unch.

—Reuter.

Ewo Mills (Ord)		5300	38.00	200	*38.00
	300 38.25	300	37.75	900	37.75
	1000 *38.00	100	37.50	300	*37.00
	3200 37.00	300	36.75	500	*37.00
	400 37.25	1300	37.00	200	*36.75
	100 37.25	500	*36.75	600	37.00
Textile		1500	8.30	5000	*8.25
	500 8.35	1500	8.30	500	*8.20
	500 *8.10	500	8.15	1000	7.95
	1000 7.90	2000	8.00	1000	7.95
Worsted		500	5.45	2000	5.40
2000 5.25					
Tram (Bearer)		£1		400	44.00
C. G. Omnibus		100	16.30	100	16.20
200 16.00					
Telephone		300	33.00	500	33.25
100 *32.50					
S'hai Gas (Old)		100	15.70	100	15.50
Lumber		100	45.00	800	44.75
1200 44.50		200	*44.50	200	43.75
500 44.00					
Metal (Old)		200	28.25	1900	23.00
3000 *27.75		200	*28.00	300	27.75
200 27.25		200	27.00	100	*27.50
500 27.50		100	28.00	400	*27.75
200 27.75					
Metal (New)		1300	23.25	1800	23.00
400 *23.00		1000	22.75	1300	22.50
800 22.25		100	*23.00	1900	22.00
800 22.50		200	22.75	100	*22.25
400 22.75		500	23.00	500	*23.00
Exploration		500	*19.30	1500	19.70
3500 19.50		1500	19.60	1500	19.50
1500 19.30		500	19.40		
Anglo Dutch		100	16.50	300	16.30
200 16.60					
Anglo Java		200	32.50	700	32.00
100 31.50		100	31.25	800	31.00
2100 30.75					
Batu Anam				1000	1.39
Cheng				1000	0.70
Kroewoek		1000	2.25	1000	2.20
Langkat		300	22.25	100	*22.00
1200 22.00		500	21.50	200	21.75
600 22.00		100	21.75		
Repah				1000	1.04
Rubber Trust		2000	8.90	1000	8.80
500 8.70					
Kelantan				1000	0.74
Tanah Merah				4000	2.70
Tebong		3000	1.26	3000	1.24
Ziangbe		200	19.50	200	18.60
100 18.20		100	*18.20	100	*18.50
1000 18.50					
S. M. C. 5% 1934				2000	73.00
Power 5 1/2% Debs.				27000	88.25

ODD LOTS

Ewo Mills (Ord)		25	37.50	50	38.50
Telephone				100	33.25
Wheelock				75	*84.00
Textile				300	8.35
Worsted				85	5.35
S'hai Land				300	11.20

*—Direct Business.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 17.

Conditions on the London Stock Exchange today were dull, apart from home rails, where anticipatory speculative bu

American Battle Fleet May Be Ordered to Far East

Washington Newspapers See Prompt Action If Japan Moves Against Singapore or N.E.I.

Washington, Feb. 18.

THE possibility of the American Battle Fleet soon appearing in the Far East to checkmate Japanese aggression overshadows consideration in Washington of European war questions, according to some newspapers here today.

The "Washington Times and Herald" says "All evidence available indicates that President Roosevelt intends to order the Fleet to the Far East if Japan attacks Singapore or attempts to occupy the Dutch Indies."

The Far Eastern crisis has pushed the threatened invasion of Britain out of its place as the chief news of the day, and editorial comment indicates the seriousness of the threatened spread of war in the Orient.

It is recognized that while the climax seems to have been postponed the crisis itself exists and persists, and will continue to persist while the basic clash of interests between Japan and the Western Powers remains.

The situation is succinctly put by the "Washington Star," which mentions Lord Halifax's statement that the objective is to keep the situation from going to pieces. It then asks: "How can this objective be attained if Japan maintains its aggressive policy agains nations which are resolutely standing their ground? Unless one side or other gives way, a collision seems inevitable."

There is still no sign here that one of those resolute nations is likely to give way.

Extremely Serious

Undoubtedly the situation is extremely serious, and the "Washington Star" warns Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, that "seldom has a foreign ambassador assumed his duties in Washington amid graver conditions than those confronting Japan's new envoy."

The paper flatly declares that the relations, strained through three and a half years of an attempted conquest of China, have been aggravated by Japan's adherence to the Axis and her unconcealed purpose to exploit the triple alliance for the establishment of her new order.

The same paper warns Admiral Nomura that if he has come to promote a new order, he cannot hope for American sympathy, for it involves aggression running counter to the principles to which America is firmly wedded, including China's right to lead her own life and the inalienable right of equal opportunity guaranteed by treaties to which Japan herself has pledged allegiance.

"Japan must understand," it adds, "that only deeds, not words or fair promises, can bring improved relations with the United States."

The "Washington Post," under the heading of "Jitters in Tokyo," says the conversations between Mr. Cordell Hull and the envoys of Britain, Australia and the Netherlands should serve as a pointed reminder to Japan that her dream of acquiring a rich imperial domain in south-east Asia may suffer a rude awakening.

The community of interest displayed by the United States, the British Empire and the Netherlands, it adds, may have a sequel in parallelism of action whose possibilities are not pleasant for the island empire.

Alarm in Tokyo

The paper sees as significant the fact that the capital showing the greater alarm over the week-end was Tokyo. It quotes Mr. Hugh Byas as saying that the sudden vision of war with the United States has crystallised fluid opposition in Japan to a southward expansion, but the paper warns that much faith cannot be placed in the wishes of the Japanese people to remain at peace with the United States, because the decision does not rest in their hands but in the hands of the Japanese army and navy chieftains, who are more likely to be deterred by the realism that aggressive moves in south-east Asia will be met firmly by all interested Powers.

The journal concludes by advocating the speeding up of a complete understanding between the United States, Britain, Australia and the Netherlands regarding the course to be pursued in face of Japanese southward pressure. —Reuter.

Mr. Welles Silent

Washington, Feb. 18.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, yesterday declined to comment on news stories the United States plans to send its Fleet to the Philippines if Japan carries out her long threatened southward move.

Mr. Welles suggested that enquiries concerning such a move be made to the Navy department.—United Press.

Japanese Holdings In P. I. Probed

Ejectment Cases Will Be Filed; Filipino "Dummy" Buyer Believed Used

Manila, Feb. 18.

The Commonwealth Government has begun a new investigation of certain Japanese landholdings in the province of Davao, on Mindanao island, which were alleged to have been illegally acquired through the use of Filipino "dummies."

A special prosecuting attorney of the Commonwealth, Sr. Valdez Llongson, has been sent to Davao City to start ejectment proceedings against Japanese alleged to be holding land acquired in violation of land laws. According to officials in Davao, the decision to file ejectment cases was reached after a thorough investigation and after "every angle in connection with the cases was thoroughly studied by officials concerned in Mindanao, in Manila, and even in Washington."

For a "Mess of Pottage"

Official circles in Manila neither confirmed nor denied the Davao reports, and it was unknown even in high Government circles how far the reported action would be pushed.

From time to time in the past several years, charges have been heard that Japanese illegally leased land in Davao with the connivance of Filipinos "who sell their birthright for a mess of pottage," informed sources said. But the issue, fraught with international implications, has never been fully thrashed out.

A few years ago Sr. Eulogio Rodriguez, then Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, undertook a survey of alien landholdings in Davao. The Rodriguez survey apparently cleared the way for wholesale action against any aliens holding land illegally, but no action developed.

International Repercussions

While the whole question appeared to be only an internal affair of the Commonwealth, it seemed to have had international repercussions. Some time ago the Government started action on land leases of doubtful legality, but proceedings were stopped after the trial of one case. The action was abandoned, it was rumoured, because of an "understanding" between Washington and Manila. Not long ago the Commonwealth President Sr. Manuel Quezon, and a number of assemblymen went to Davao on an inspection trip and on the party's return to Manila, the President said there was "no Japanese problem in Davao."

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, not long before he was named Ambassador to the United States, visited Davao to inquire into the "health" of the Japanese there. There are approximately 30,000 Japanese in Davao.

No estimate of the extent of Japanese landholdings in Davao was available, but 60,000 hectares of these holdings were said to be of doubtful legality. How many Japanese and Filipinos were involved in cases of illegal land leasing has never been established, but the Government was said to have full information on the subject.

The tense Far Eastern situation and the recent emphasis on Japan's southward expansion programme have served to focus increased interest on the Davao land question. Filipino sources believed drastic action in the case of Japanese landholdings has been withheld thus far in the interest of harmonious relations with Tokyo.—United Press.

Japan's Savings Aimed At Y.13,500,000,000

Statement Made by Tokyo Minister of Finance

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

The reason why the Government is aiming for a total of Y.13,500,000,000 in national savings for the fiscal year 1941-42, is that it is expecting the mark of Y.13,000,000,000 will be reached at the end of the current fiscal year which terminates at the end of next month, and that a further increase of Y.500,000,000 for one fiscal year is a reasonable amount to be expected in view of large amount of Government funds to be distributed among the people in general.

This was the statement made today by Mr. Isao Kawada, Minister of Finance, in reply to a question during a committee meeting of the Lower House.—Domei.

Singapore Keeping Close Watch on Japanese

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

British control over Japanese residents in Singapore has been growing more severe lately, according to Mr. Teizo Ohta, of the Mitsui Company, who returned to Japan from Singapore a few days ago, says the "Asahi."

"Singapore is now defended with a mine-field, pill-boxes and forts, Mr. Ohta said. The whole island is a fortress. Safety isles along tram tracks were converted into pill-boxes. Every shift of garrison troops was accompanied by a blackout drill lasting three days or so."

Mr. Ohta stressed that Japanese leaving Singapore are not allowed to return there again.—Havas.

Chungking Comment on Reported Willkie Trip

Chungking, Feb. 17.

Commenting on the possible visit to China by Mr. Wendell Willkie, defeated Republican candidate in the U.S. presidential elections, the "China Times," organ of Mr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, stated today:

"When Mr. Willkie returned to the United States from England, he said that if the British were beaten, the United States would be running a great risk.

"It would seem to us that the same statement could be made on the situation in the Far East, which is perilous as it is. In other words, should the Chinese fail, the United States would have to face no less dangerous threats than those resulting from an eventual defeat of Great Britain. We are certain that, clearly observant as he is, Mr. Willkie must have thought of this already."—Havas.

Chungking Surprised By Evacuation Advice

Chungking, Feb. 17.

Government quarters here expressed some surprise at the British Government's advice to its nationals to leave the Japanese-occupied territories of China as soon as possible.

The opinion prevailing here is that Japan will do nothing irreparable so long as Germany does not score important successes over the British Isles. Meanwhile, the same quarters concluded, China will merely watch further developments and prepare for any emergency.—Havas Telemondial.

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Nagasaki Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, left harbour yesterday morning at 8.30, after an overnight stay in port. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, was berthed alongside the company's Wayside Wharf.

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The ss. **Taiyo Maru**, of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, is due to sail on her return trip to Kobe direct this afternoon, carrying mail and passengers, besides a considerable quantity of general cargo. The vessel arrived here three days ago, tying up alongside the company's Yangtszepoo Wharf.

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The ss. **Kobe Maru**, shuttle steamer steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon at 3.15, docking at the company's Wayside Wharf. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, besides a quantity of general cargo, is due to sail on her return trip to Nagasaki direct this morning at 8.30. Passengers for the ship are requested to embark from the wharf between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning.

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The ss. **Tsingtao Maru**, express liner of the D.K.K., operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, tying up alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, will remain here for 36 hours, sailing on her return trip to the North tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 8 o'clock tonight and 7.15 tomorrow morning, respectively. Outgoing passengers for the ship should embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From KARACHI: Kasima Maru, with mail, due early morning, N.Y.K., Pootung. Passengers expected at the Wayside about 8 a.m.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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Tsingtao M	20/2
Hoten M	23/2
Dairen M	25/2

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Dairiku M.	C'wangtao	D.K.K.K.
Koshi M. 1	Japan	K.U.K.
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Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
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Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Atlantic	Pana.	Dodwell
Tatuta M.	Jap.	N.Y.K
Heian M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Nagato M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
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	At Cathedral		At Siccawei	
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DEATH

BARRERA.—On February 17, 1941, at The Paulun Hospital, Shanghai, LEOPOLDO ROBERT BARRERA, aged 47 years, brother of Mr. A. L. Barrera, Mr. P. J. Barrera and Miss Annie Barrera. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. A Requiem Mass will be held at the Church of Christ the King, 235 Rue Bourgeat, tomorrow, Thursday, February 20, 1941, at 7 a.m., to be followed by burial at the Bubbling Well Cemetery at 4 p.m. (Hongkong, Manila and Japan papers please copy.)

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FEBRUARY

19 Rain Water (Yu Shui)
19 Ex-Emperor Hsuan Tung made Chief Executive, Manchoukuo (1932)

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

20 For. Y. Lecture "Classical Chinese Views on Influencing Character" by Mr. L. Tomkinson, at 9 p.m
21 K. A. Persen, broadcasting XMHA 9
21 Art Exhibition M. Brenner, Modern Homes, 869 Bubbling Well Road, continues to March 15
22 Jewish Recreation Club Annual Dance at Shanghai Race Club 9.30 p.m.
23 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc 5.15
27 Royal Society of St. George, Annual Meeting
27 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3 p.m.
27 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
28 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 9
28 Special Soiree, in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, French Club 9.30 p.m.

MARCH

1 St. David's Society Dinner, Masonic Hall, 8. p.m.
1 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 3
1 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
2 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
2 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
6 Ballet Russe and Municipal Orchestra in Glazunov's "Seasons". Symphonic ballet and "Stenka Razin" historical pantomime Lyceum Theatre 9.15
7 B.W.A. Jumble Sale 9.30 a.m.
8 Ballet Russe and Municipal Orchestra Lyc. 9.15
9 Ballet Russe and Municipal Orchestra Lyc. matinee at 2.15-evening at 9.15
10 Cathedral Organ and Piano Recital
16 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
16 Purim Ball Arcadia 9 p.m.

OSWALD STANHOPE BENBOW-ROWE

deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of OSWALD STANHOPE BENBOW-ROWE deceased late of Shanghai sharebroker who died on the 2nd day of October 1940 at Hongkong and of whose estate Letters of Administration (with the Will annexed) were granted by His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China at Shanghai on the 14th day of February 1941 to ARTHUR ERNEST SEDDON of Shanghai aforesaid Barrister-at-Law the lawful attorney of Elsa Grace Frances Field the executrix named in the said Will, and who have not already done so, are hereby requested to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of April 1941 And that after such date the said Arthur Ernest Seddon will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice and he will not be answerable for the assets so distributed, or any part thereof to any person of whose claim or demand he shall not then have had notice.

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Legal Practitioners for ARTHUR ERNEST SEDDON the Attorney of Elsa Grace Frances Field the sole Executrix of the estate of the above-named deceased.

Shanghai, 15th day of February 1941.

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR CHINA

In the Matter of the Estate of ROY EMORY GILLELAND, Deceased. | Cause No. 4573 Estate No. 2452 | Filed at Shanghai, China, February 17, 1941. WILLIAM T. COLLINS Clerk.

NOTICE

Pursuant to an Order of the above entitled Court notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of Roy Emory Gilleland, deceased, to present the same with vouchers on or before August 13, 1941 to Messrs. Franklin & Harrington. 149 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, China, attorneys for the undersigned Collectors, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to said attorneys.

HELEN F. RUSETSKY GILLELAND
and J. S. POTTER
Collectors under Letters Ad Colligendum.
FRANKLIN & HARRINGTON
Attorneys for Collectors.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from Wednesday, February 19, the fees for accommodation will be:

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ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

By kind permission of the Committee of the Shanghai Golf Club, the annual golf match between members of the above societies will be played over the Seekingjao Course on Sunday, March 9.

Members who wish to play in this match are requested to send in their names and present handicaps to either Mr. K. E. Newman, 59 Peking Road, Tel. 13824 for St. David's Society, or Mr. J. F. Brister, c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for St. Patrick's Society.

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CHINA HONG LIST 1941

SHANGHAI HONG LIST.—All firms, institutions, missions, diplomatic, consulates, etc., in Shanghai, with staffs, arranged alphabetically.

AGENCIES.—Agencies held by Shanghai firms listed alphabetically with the firm's name. If you wish to find the address of a foreign company with local representation, or the agent of a particular motor-car, cosmetic, or radio, look up this list.

TRADE DIRECTORY.—Shanghai firms under their professional or trade headings. A list of apartment houses is a valuable feature of this section.

MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS.—An alphabetical list of mercantile marine officers.

SHANGHAI WHO'S WHO.—An alphabetical list of business men and women of Shanghai, with their office addresses.

STREET DIRECTORY.—The streets of Shanghai in English and Chinese, with the occupants of all foreign and many Chinese houses, offices, and stores.

DIPLOMATS AND CONSULS—of all nationalities and their stations.

RESIDENTIAL DIRECTORY.—The foreign residents of Shanghai, and many Chinese, listed alphabetically, with their private addresses.

HONG LISTS.—The principal cities and ports, from Harbin to Canton, with foreign firms, institutions and their staffs.

OUTPORT WHO'S WHO.—An alphabetical list of foreign residents in the above cities and ports.

MISSIONS.—Classfied alphabetically by provinces. Under the names of the provinces are given the towns where missions are established, with resident missionaries' list. This is divided into two sections: (1) Protestants; (2) Roman Catholics.

MISSIONARIES WHO'S WHO.—Alphabetical lists of Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries.

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Feb. 17 16.00	Feb. 17 21.00	Feb. 18 4.00	Feb. 18 9.00
Barometer (inches)	30.32	30.37	30.29	30.29
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.15	+0.17	+0.11	+0.01
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.14	+0.09	—0.03	—0.08
Wind (direction)	NNW	NW	WSW	ENE
„ (miles per hour)	8.1	4.3	0.6	5.0
Temperature (Fahr.)	40.1°	39.7°	35.6°	39.9°
Humidity (per cent)	92	93	100	93
Tebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	0.01

Siccawei Abridged Report Feb. 17	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.29	+0.05	30.26
Temp. min. 36.3° Max. 41.7°	39.0°	—3.6°	40.1°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	5.52	0.03	3.29

Time and Tide	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.33	6.31	6.30	6.29	6.28	6.27	6.26
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.44	17.45	17.45	17.46	17.47	17.48	17.49
Moon rises at Shanghai	0.31	1.39	2.29	3.22	4.11	4.56	5.36
Moon sets at Shanghai	11.34	12.26	13.21	14.16	15.13	16.11	17.07
Flood makes Shai. (day)	16.25	17.40	5.46	7.06	8.20	9.15	10.00
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	8.47	9.58	11.30	12.56	14.00	14.52	15.30
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	17.45	6.35	8.45	10.00	10.50	11.35	12.08
Ht. about LLW. (feet)	7.20	6.42	7.30	7.52	8.70	—	8.28

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 17th:—Normal and unsteady pressure over China: high and steady over Japan. Variable winds along the China Coast. Cloudy and cold weather in China.

State on the morning of the 18th:—Overcast and misty weather. East-north-easterly breezes. Normal and falling pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

(See top of page, right)

The following times apply to the Head Post Office Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, February 19.	Reg.	Ord.
Amoy Swatow and Canton	8.30	9.00
Manila	8.30	9.30
Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports	12.00	13.00
Amoy Hongkong and C'ton	12.30	13.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Amoy	19.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, February 20.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*20.00	7.15
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	x 9.30	10.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	18.30	20.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, February 21.		
Indo-China	A 16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Australia and New Zealand	x 19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	19.30	20.00

* The night before
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 21st.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
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